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Annie M. Forney,

Wife of Howard O. Folker,

Died at Her Residence,

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January 5, 1910.

"The Saints of God their vigils keep,
While yet their mortal bodies sleep,
Till from the dust, they too shall rise
And soar triumphant to the skies.
Oh! happy Saints; forever blest,
At Jesus' feet how safe your rest."

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J. La Barre Folker.

To

Her Memory

Who Was Nearest and Dearest,

Whose Life Was Full of Beauty and of Promise,

This Little Volume

Is Tenderly Inscribed.

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INTRODUCTION.

The compiler of the following family sketches has been actuated in his work by an effort to collect within one cover of simple character and modest proportions records gathered from many sources that a foundation may thereby serve some abler and more thorough writer to complete a genealogy of the Forney Family. The within little volume was a labor of love. We trust it will be of interest to the members of that family—possibly to others as well. It makes no pretensions of being complete and is not a genealogy. Those who follow and who may feel the fascination to complete our desultory beginning can realize the immense amount of labor and care necessary to make a good genealogy. In the collection and classification of material in these chapters we have extracted from official archives, local histories, church records, churchyard inscriptions and a few—very few—family traditions; and have also drawn from sources already penetrated by tracers along ancestral lines.

Sketches of the Forney Family.

CHAPTER I.

THE IMMIGRANTS.

The search for data necessary in the compilation of a sketch of any Pennsylvania German family will lead the investigator, if he is a descendant of the immigrant ancestor, to seek the cause for the exodus from Europe. Naturally the material influence was the Thirty Years' War, but apart from this active factor and first in point of time, if not also in importance, was a religious motive. The sufferings of the persecuted people of the Swiss and German Palatinates created a general feeling of pity in England, and this with the hope of stimulating emigration was the origin of William Penn's two visits to Germany, and which resulted in inducing many families to come to the new province of Pennsylvania. Many pamphlets were circulated in Germany and Holland inviting immigration here. In consequence of this solicitation within one period of nine years fifteen thousand Germans and Swiss, who for the most part had embarked at Rotterdam, arrived in Philadelphia, and up to the Revolution not less than forty thousand followed from the continent and mainly to Pennsylvania. The character of the emigration was at first and for two generations consisted of sectaries, which were persecuted in Germany by State and Church. As soon as an asylum was provided for them they fled to it, one little company after another braving the dangers of the long and trying voyage, often marked by abuse and exactions, in search of the jewel of religious freedom.

The large influx of Germans between 1710 and 1745 was by some regarded with resentment. In Philadelphia their coming was looked upon by many politicians as a great evil. Even Benjamin Franklin, who prided himself on his breadth of mind and friendliness toward struggling newcomers to Philadelphia, exclaimed, "Why should the Palatine boors be suffered to swarm into our settlement, and by herding together establish their own manners to the exclusion of ours? Why should Pennsylvania, founded by the English, become a colony of aliens, who will shortly be so numerous as to Germanize us instead of our Anglicifying them, and will never adopt our

language and customs any more than they can acquire our complexion?"

On the other hand, during the later years of the Palatine exit there were those in authority who viewed the arrivals with complacency, as note Lieutenant Governor George Thomas in his introductory address to the Pennsylvania Assembly, January 3, 1739, said, "This Province has been for some years the asylum of the distressed Protestants of the Palatinate and other parts of Germany, and I believe it may with truth be said that the present flourishing condition of it is in a great measure owing to the industry of those people; and should any discouragement divert them from coming hither, it may well be apprehended that the value of your lands will fall and your advances to wealth be much slower; for it is not altogether the goodness of the soil but the number and industry of the people that make a flourishing country."

Perrine says, "The privations, the hardships and the injustice which a considerable portion of the Pennsylvania Germans suffered in their struggles to find homes constitute one of the most pathetic chapters in American history. Not only were they despised and ostracised and forced into the wilderness to make homes for themselves, but their long voyages across the Atlantic were often marked by cruelty and oppression. But more than all the other immigrants to this country, they were the victims of that species of eighteenth century servitude which, known as the 'Redemption' or 'Redemptioner' system, flourished nowhere else more than in Philadelphia. What we have seen to-day in the methods of Italian padrones, or of the "Six Companies" of the Chinese was not altogether unlike the business which immigration agents and ship masters carried on in the importation and sale of thousands upon thousands of Germans who were helpless in the thongs of poverty. It was a system of temporary serfdom, sometimes hardly less offensive than the slave trade of the South, and productive of many vile abuses. The 'Redemptioners' was the name given to the immigrants who bound themselves to labor for a fixed period as servants, or to those who, having no money or not enough to pay their passage across the Atlantic, entered into contracts to work for their masters who would buy them on landing from the ships, and who held them virtually in domestic bondage until the expiration of the time in which they were to 'work out' their debt. These contracts were voluntary on the part of the bondsmen, but they were often lured, cajoled and hoodwinked into them by false promises and inducements on the part of men in the Fatherland as 'Newlanders,' and sometimes as 'soul sellers' and 'man trappers.' Not simply the ignorant

louts and peasants, but poor mechanics, artisans and even scholars were sometimes induced to sign contracts which they did not understand, or which were grossly violated. Christopher Saur at one time thought that there were not fewer than one hundred and thirty of these 'Newlanders' in the traffic, and declared that some of them boasted that they were rich merchants and had fine houses in Germantown. Time and again the Delaware wharves were the scenes of the traffic by which the human cargoes were disposed of. Men, women and children were picked out by buyers, the healthiest and strongest, of course, being preferred, and then bound under signed contract, to serve their masters from one or two to six years. The system characterized, too, much of the English and Irish immigration into the country, especially into Virginia, whither some of the worst vagabonds in England were thus transported, but the Germans suffered the most under it by reason of their ignorance of the English language. It is supposed that nearly one-half of the Germans of Pennsylvania came hither in this way and were thus held as serfs. They were often persons of character and intelligence, but without means. No inconsiderable number of rich Pennsylvanians to-day owe their origin to these forbears. For when the bondsman had completed his years of servitude, the law made it possible for him to acquire land easily and set up for himself as a freedman.

"There is little reason to doubt that three-fourths of the Germans were farmers or concerned in the tillage of the land and that they followed that occupation not only with great frugality and diligence, but with as much zest and enthusiasm as was then in their nature for anything unless for the duties of religion.

"The rural populations of York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton undoubtedly include to-day the best farmers in the world. It is said that nineteen-twentieths of the ten thousand farms in Lancaster County are now owned and cultivated by the descendants of the German pioneers, and whatever may be the faults with which the stock has been justly chargeable on the score of self-isolation, retention of alien customs and political docility, their industry and the zeal with which they made Pennsylvania a great agricultural State cannot be called into question."

That some of the Forney immigrants were Redemptioners we know; more were not, since their acquisition of property immediately after arrival in the colonies preclude any suggestion of it. The first to arrive after a sojourn of a few years in Philadelphia County removed and permanently settled in what is now York County; the next located in Lancaster County,

followed by others of the name who found homes in what are now Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Bedford and Berks, as well as one to North Carolina.

The earliest immigrant ancestor in America is Johann Adam Forney (Farny). The next of record is Peter Forney. The former arrived in 1721; the latter no doubt arrived at a later date not ascertained, but sometime prior to 1733 when he had surveyed to him 250 acres of land on the Cocalico, Lancaster County. These were followed in 1734 by Christian, Catharine and Ann Eliza Forney (Farnie), and by others from year to year. The name in America then as now is variously written. Possibly as in the case of other families this is due to carelessness in orthography; perhaps it is because of the German-Swiss extraction.

Memorandum of variants on the name Forney:

Farney	Farneh
Forny	Farnie
Farny	Faurneh
Farni	Fohrney
Farne	Faurney
Fahrney	Furney
Fahrene	De Ferney

It is a very common error to suppose that all those of the same name in a certain district are descended from a single ancestor. Hardly any name can be mentioned among the German immigrants that is not represented by dozens of duplicates of the same, who follow each other over in rapid succession. Our work is rendered, too, more burdensome because of the similarity of Christian names, and which prevents dovetailing where these are of the same area. The constant repetition of the baptismal names John, Jacob, Christian, Peter and Abraham is noticeable in every generation.

It has been proclaimed for years and is now that our family descended in America from three immigrant brothers. The statement is but a tradition and the burden of proof is on those who assert it.

In an effort to nationalize our forefathers of the continent we conclude they are of Swiss (French) origin, migrating for reasons well known to us to the German provinces in the seventeenth century.

We have before us a little brochure from the facile pen of Anna Forney Brush, who mentions "tradition and certain facts from which we may speculate. A great granddaughter of Peter Forney, a granddaughter of Jacob Forney, and his wife Susanna, born a Carpenter, had told the writer many times

that her great-aunts told her that the Forneys were Huguenots and came from 'that part of France which is near Geneva.' They further were careful to impress it upon her that the Forneys were people of some importance in the old country. * * * * In a 'local history' read by the writer when she was in Geneva, there is an interesting account of a Protestant gentleman Pierre Chevalier de Ferney, who lived in the modest chateau afterward owned by Voltaire, and whose family left France and fled into Germany at the time of the great Huguenot exodus. The late John W. Forney, a great-grandson of Peter Forney (and Barbara Eby), when he was in Paris in 1875 met a Monsieur Forney who judging from a number of letters which he wrote and which have been read by the writer seemed anxious to claim relationship. He writes among other things, that he was from Geneva and that he was sure that the American Forney would be glad to hear what he had to tell of the family. Whether the meeting ever took place is not known. Monsieur Forney died a few years afterward and left his fortune to found a library and school in Paris."

CHAPTER II.

PETER FORNEY, OF ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP.

PETER FORNEY (Fahrene), the immigrant ancestor of the Lebanon County branch of our family, arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam accompanied by his brother Joseph in ship Brotherhood, Captain John Thompson, and qualified November 3, 1750. We find him a warrantee of land in Lebanon township, Lancaster County, for fifty acres under survey of November 30, 1753. He appears on tax lists of foregoing township with enlarged acreage up to 1799 of 150 acres, but at the time of his death this was increased to about 200 acres. This land is now the Long farm on the border of South Annville township, a short distance east of the Whitmoyer schoolhouse. Mr. Forney was in the service of the Colonies as a member of Captain Baltzer Orth's First Company, Second Battalion, Colonel Philip Greenawalt, in 1781, and in succeeding year same company under Colonel Adam Orth, Lancaster County militia. In 1785 Dauphin County was created, bringing Lebanon township into it from Lancaster; and in 1799 Annville township was formed from Lebanon township. The report made on the latter division is interesting because of the names given of owners of lands abutting on the boundary line: "Beginning at the line between Bethel township and Lebanon township, thence by the lands of Jacob Baltz, John Miller, Adam Heylman, John Heylman, Jr., John Heylman, Michael Krider, Christian Long, Abraham Long, Herman Long, *Peter Forney*, John Gingrich, Martin Carmany," etc.

Peter Forney died January, 1809. He signed his will September 20, 1808, as Peter Fahrney, but in body of instrument his name is spelled "Farney" and it is so indexed in files of the probate court at Harrisburg, where the will was entered for record March 6, 1809. He described his farm as of 197 acres in Annville township, Dauphin County, adjoining lands of Jacob Light, Martin Light, Herman Long and Peter Ensminger; mentions wife Catharine, sons Christian, Jacob and John. The real estate was devised to Jacob and John, life interest to widow and personal property to Christian. The oldest son Christian, together with nephew John Forney (son of Joseph) were named as executors.

Mr. Forney was interred in the family plot, which is about 75 yards in the rear of the farm buildings. It is a well kept burying place, of rectangular shape, enclosed by a fine stone wall and contains about six Forney graves at west end, all having low sandstone markers, from four of which the inscriptions have entirely disappeared, but on the remaining two and almost illegible can be traced the initials "P. F." (Peter Forney) and "C. F." (Catharine Forney—Peter's wife).

The enclosure also contains about a dozen graves of the departed members of the Long family, all buried since the property passed from the Forney heirs to John Long, at whose death it descended to son David and from him in turn to latter's son Jacob, who is now in possession, vigorous and cheerful, at the age of 87. The farm has been partitioned and now comprises but 113 acres. The farmhouse built by Peter Forney in 1790 is a commodious dwelling of the most substantial appearance.

Catharine, Peter's widow, we think survived her husband but a few years, for we find the Forney realty passing into the hands of John Long.

CHRISTIAN FORNEY, the oldest son, and who was heir to the personal effects of Peter Forney, no doubt was the recipient of latter's bounty in life in some manner, as we find him conveying his real estate October 12, 1799, to John Cryder, Sr., and he soon thereafter was a resident of Hanover township, where he became a large landowner and was the ancestor of numerous descendants prominent in the affairs of Harrisburg and the territory adjacent thereto. In the above-mentioned deed of conveyance he names wife Ann (Kreider).

JACOB, the second son of Peter, immediately after his father's death, or on November 30, 1811, bought a farm in Londonderry township of John Hostetter, which on March 27, 1841, he conveyed to Adam Ulrich. His residence was then given as in Annville township, a farmer and wife's name Catharine. At this period we lose trace of him and he evidently removed from these parts. It is suggested by an aged member of our family that he went to Hanover, as she distinctly remembers visiting thirty years afterward her husband's old aunt, then living at that place, and who unquestionably could have been none other than the widow of Jacob.

JOHN, the youngest son of Peter and Catharine, we know after his marriage to Mary Martin and the birth of two children, removed in 1816 to Silvers' Springs, Cumberland County, Pa.

John and Mary (Martin) Forney.

JOHN FORNEY, though a legatee under his father's will to a portion of his real estate, evidently found his holdings too small to suit his energetic nature; and having in common with his neighbors of the Lebanon Valley seen that enlarged possession of land there was difficult for various reasons, concluded a few years after his marriage to join the throng passing up the valley to the Susquehanna and the region beyond, many going thence down to Virginia and some to the Carolinas. The Forneys for fifty years had been sending members of the family out of the Cocalico region over the beaten paths, now the line of the Horseshoe pike, through Shaefferstown, Campbelltown, Derry and the wild country beyond east of the Susquehanna as far north as Lykens, then a wilderness. One of them, Jacob, had gone "over the Susquehanna," now Cumberland County, about 1770 and located one mile southwest of Hogestown, near the Conodoguinet Creek, and became a large landowner.

To this locality came John Forney with his wife and two small daughters. On April 1, 1816, John William Lenox Hoge conveyed to John Forney, of "Anvel" township, Lebanon County, 130 acres and 23 perches of land in consideration of $13,413.62, bounded by Conodoguinet Creek and land of Joseph Briggs, being a part of a tract granted by the Honorable Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania unto John Hoge in letters patent bearing date February 21, 1739, entered in the office of recording deeds for the city and County of Philadelphia, in Patent Book "A," volume 9, page 158, being originally granted to J. W. L. Hoge. The farm was situated on the west bank of Silvers' Spring run and extended from the old National road north to the Conodoguinet Creek. It now consists of about 200 acres in tenure of Mr. Charles Ziegler and owned by the Briggs heirs, one of them being widow of Judge J. J. Pearson, of Harrisburg, Mary Harris Briggs, only daughter of Joseph and Caroline Briggs, and granddaughter of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg.

The old National road, or road from Harris Ferry to the Potomac, laid out in 1735, was one of the earliest through the territory west of the Susquehanna and is the most interesting, historically, of all the public roads up the Cumberland Valley. It is the most interesting, because for a period of seventy years it was the great highway up and down which passed the produce of that large and fertile region; because in the early provincial wars, to which the Marsh Creek gave many of its fathers and sons, it was the way by which they marched to meet the enemy and by which they marched to receive the greetings from home.

made safe by their valor, and because it has the unique distinction of having been the first effort of our forefathers to connect this wilderness with the civilization which lay beyond. It was the pioneer road of southern Pennsylvania. The first trace of it appears in 1735. In 1736 the viewers reported that they have altered "the easternmost part of said road, which they found very crooked." In 1744 "courses" were fixed, in part, as follows: "Beginning at a marked White Oak on Susquehanna river and extending thence * * * * to James Silvers' Spring, thence * * * * to Mr. Hoge's Spring," and so on. For fifty years it was known as the "Big Road." This road, now known as the Carlisle pike, is carried by bridge over Silvers' Spring run at Bricker's Mill, just south of the Briggs farm. Formerly the run was forded about 100 yards to the north and the road was immediately in front of the Forney home and between it and the spring house, leading thence by the barnyard and on westward. Bricker's Mill, still standing but not in operation, was then owned by Jacob Bricker, who came from Lancaster County to Silvers' Spring about 1812. He was a son of Peter Bricker, the immigrant. The Silvers' Spring mill of Colonial records is identified as the present Bryson's mill at confluence of the run and Conodoguinet Creek.

This interesting locality is best described by injecting here an abstract from a recent letter from E. Rankin Huston, Esq., of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who with customary accuracy and usual limpidity links a number of points with associated history:

"If we were to make a detour of this neighborhood, we would find that this is historic ground. A few miles east from Bricker's Mill about 1750 was what was known at that time as Tobias Hendrick's tavern, and his son William twenty-five years later was the first officer from Pennsylvania to fall in the Revolutionary contest, which occurred in the unsuccessful attack upon Quebec, and was buried in the same plot with the gallant General Montgomery. The public road here was laid out in 1736 and about 1730 James Silvers came here and took up 525 acres of land, which comprised the land in this neighborhood. What is now Bryson's mill was built by James Pollock. A little farther up the creek was his neighbor, Robert Buchanan, who sold his lands along the creek to George Crogan, the celebrated Indian agent. Crogan also bought the lands adjacent, settled by William Walker, who was a captain under Marlborough in Queen Ann's Wars, and was the great-great-grandfather of Robert J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury in Polk's Cabinet, and Governor of Kansas under Buchanan. He

was killed by the Indians at McCormick's Fort in 1757. A few miles west from this was the home of John Hoge, of whom you have read in my articles on Silvers' Spring Church. A short distance east was the farm of Thomas McCormick, who was the ancestor of Cyrus McCormick, the millionaire reaper inventor of Chicago. This farm is still owned by the McCormick estate. Westward that of Archibald Irwin, son of James, one of four pioneer brothers, was an ancestor of Governor Francis R. Shunk and President Harrison, and if time would permit could take you in our mental vision to the home of James Blaine, father of Colonel Ephraim Blaine of Revolutionary distinction and immigrant ancestor of James Gillespie

THE FORNEY FARM AND INN, SILVERS' SPRINGS, CUMBERLAND CO., PENNA.

Blaine. Here Colonel Blaine built a mill in 1772, a short distance from Carlisle, but no longer in existence. East of Blaine's mill, or rather mill-seat, was the home of James Smith and by some writers believed to have been the signer of the Declaration of Independence."

John Forney pursued farming for seven years, when finding the heavy tide of travel by his door constantly made drains on his hospitality in the way of accommodations for guests, he in 1823 made application for a license, in which he is styled "Innkeeper." Thus the crossing, or ford, came to be known as "Forney's Tavern," though to-day it is but a memory. After opening a public house Mr. Forney yet conducted farming, which was on a large scale if we are to judge by the accounts filed by his administrators. But not for long. In June of that year he was accidentally killed on a hill between his house and Bricker's Mill. He had been with a farm wagon loaded with wheat to the mill and on returning placed several of the chil-

dren in the empty wagon and when descending a rather steep hill within sight of his home he got out of the wagon and approached the rear to apply the brake, the horses suddenly ran up the side bank, throwing the wagon over on him, breaking his back. The children it appears were uninjured. We have no means of knowing just how long Mr. Forney lingered, but he passed away June 25, 1823. He is buried in the myrtle-covered yard of Silvers' Spring Presbyterian Church. The grave is almost alone on the north side of the cemetery, though no doubt the adjacent ground is filled with bodies, as the surface is very uneven, though a few rough markers are about. The headstone is in a good state of preservation and has thereon: "Sacred to the memory of John Forney, who departed this life June 25, 1823, aged 35 years 5 months and 3 days." Also a verse of poetry. There is a young hickory just a few feet away from the headstone and in the direction of the Carothers lot. The Carothers were John's neighbors in life, and one, John, was his attending physician and also appraiser of his effects. In July of 1823 his estate was administered by James Martin and Samuel Sample under surety of $3,000, furnished by Mathias Swiler and Jacob Bricker. Inventory filed July 31, 1823, and final account August 1, 1827. The inventory of Mr. Forney's personal property discloses the fact that he had a well stocked farm, comprising in part 24 head of cattle, 37 hogs, 10 sheep and 5 horses. These together with implements, furniture, grain, etc., netted the estate but $1919.36. Further evidence of the distressing effect of a forced sale is the amount received for the realty, it being but $5027.50, though Mr. Forney paid only seven years earlier over $13,000. There were due the estate several heavy judgments of record against relatives in Lebanon and in Harrisburg, but not a dollar could the administrators collect, we are forced to relate, and the cash balance as per final account was but $304.84.

Prior to Mr. Forney's removal from Lebanon County he married about 1812 a winsome lassie of Scotch descent, a daughter of James and Sarah Martin, named Mary, who was born August, 1794. The ancestry of Mary Martin is tinged with romance, her parents having eloped from home and taking ship at Liverpool came to this country *circa* 1790. Her mother was a Miss Day. It appears the Martins, as well as the Rupps, were early residents of the Lebanon Valley and had preceded John Forney to Cumberland County. These two families resided for years near Bricker's Mill and several of their descendants subsequently removed to Ohio. Mary Martin had brothers and sisters:

Fanny, wife of Samuel McWilliams. They moved to Marion, Ohio, about 1830, where she died in 1832.

Sarah, wife of James Manassmith, and both removed to Marion, Ohio, in 1831, where Sarah died in 1854.

James, wife Elizabeth. He died in Hogestown in 1828.

John, of Harrisburg, Pa., father of William D.

Jane, died single, January 26, 1857, aged 69 years, and is interred at Salem M. E. Church, near Bricker's Mill.

The Martins were strict Presbyterians and John Forney very properly attended worship with his wife and her devout family at historic Silvers' Spring Church, occupying pew No. 14 with his father-in-law James Martin and brother-in-law Samuel McWilliams and Jones Rupp.

John Forney left five children, as follows:

SARAH, born Lebanon County March 19, 1814.

CATHARINE, born Lebanon County July 2, 1815.

JOHN, born in Cumberland County August 27, 1817.

PETER, born in Cumberland County October 23, 1819.

JAMES MARTIN, born in Cumberland County February 21, 1822.

MARY MARTIN, widow of John Forney, thus suddenly bereft of support, we have told you received an insignificant balance in the settlement of the estate. She always maintained in after years that she had been deeply wronged in money affairs, though no unfairness was ever imputed to the administrators. It is inferred she had in mind debts owing by the relatives who had been assisted by her good-natured husband. She remained in Cumberland County until about 1832, when she married Jonathan Ensminger, a widower with two children, a native of Annville township, but temporarily residing near Hogestown. The latter's children were older than Mrs. Forney's, one of them, Elizabeth, being married to Abraham Herr, who resided at the west end of Annville. Immediately after their marriage Jonathan and Mary, with the latter's five children, the oldest being 18 and the youngest, James, but 10 years old, came to Annville and located on the farm now occupied by Mr. H. B. Hollinger on Manheim road, about two miles south of the town, and which farm Jonathan and his brother acquired from their father. It was on the east side of the road leading to Horseshoe pike and almost opposite the Colonial homestead of Peter Ensminger, now held by the latter's descendants. Here they started agricultural life anew, but it had an abrupt ending. Ensminger's family, particularly the married daughter Elizabeth, always resented her father's remar-

riage, moved thereto mainly, we are told, because of the brood of little ones he encumbered himself with when he took the mother. Ensminger was of too weak a character to repel these attacks on his judgment and on expressing his dissatisfaction by suggesting to his wife the possibility of their matrimonial venture being a mistake, that strong-minded woman announced that there must be a separation. They at once proceeded to sell most of their joint personal property, he keeping a wagon and two horses and Mary retaining a few household effects. That Mary Ensminger was of determined character and inflexible integrity, is shown by an incident related to the writer by one of her contemporaries who is still a resident of Annville. The final settlement was made in the Ensminger house (now demolished, but the foundation walls near the Hollinger house yet visible), and Mary, doubtful of the propriety and justice of exacting an equal division with one about to depart on a long journey, gathered up from the table a number of notes from her portion, she pinned the money on her husband's coat, led him to the open door and bade him depart. Ensminger, with his team, went West, but subsequently returned and died at Annville, and is interred in the United Brethren cemetery, beside his brother Jacob on the Herr lot. The headstone states that he was born June 11, 1776, and died October 22, 1853. In 1833 Mary Ensminger applied for a divorce from Jonathan, and which was granted, possibly in 1835, as receipts for ground rent signed Abraham Raignel for one town lot in Millerstown (Annville), dated January 1, that year, declare her Jonathan Ensminger's wife, though similar receipts now in our possession and dated 1839 name her as "Widow Forney." After the departure of her husband and her immediate filing of a request for a decree, she left the farm and came to Annville with her children and resided in a house formerly occupied, we opine, by John Cameron and located at the southwest corner of Main street and alley which leads to gate of the United Brethren cemetery. Here she opened a small shop for the sale of cookies, candy and beer of her own making, the sale of which during the day was attended to by the older children while she found constant employment at neighbors nursing, cooking, soap making and butchering. On returning from these exacting duties each night she replenished her self-made stock for the ensuing day's sales. The large earthen crock, having handles at opposite sides and used by her in brewing the beer, is now in possession of a great-granddaughter and is cherished above price. Thus the grind of penury and exactions of a large and growing progeny brought no burden for this God-fearing and industrious mother her Spartan womanhood could not master. Truly

Mary Martin was cast in heroic mold. Her children grew apace, the girls, Sarah and Catharine marrying, the former to Joseph Troxell, a cabinet maker and grandson of John Troxell, identified with the Colonial history of this locality. The Forney boys, John, Peter and James, in succession were apprenticed to the sister's husband and learned the furniture business. How good a master was their brother-in-law is evidenced by the expert workman he made of them, as is shown by numerous samples of their handiwork extant in the neighborhood, several being in possession of the writer. It is possible Mary now closed her shop and made her home with her married daughters, but we have no proof of it. We do know that on the marriage of her son Peter in 1842 she all her subsequent life was an inmate of his household. Here the same industrious traits prevailed. She not only aided in house duties and care of Peter's children, Mary Ellen being her especial favorite, but was always in constant demand for miles around to superintend soapmaking, nursing, cooking at funerals, and so forth. Here, too, she opened a cake and candy shop, and which is best described by a local writer:

"The Forney homestead had a second attraction for us. That was the cake shop of Mr. Forney's mother. In that day there were no restaurants or saloons in Annville, lager beer was not known in our midst. If any one wished any refreshments or desired to show a favor to his companion, they went to Granny Forney's cake shop, now used as a barber shop by Mr. Garman. There they would buy a few cakes and a bottle of home-made beer or mead. These articles were made by Granny herself: Molasses cakes, sugar cakes "lebkuche," lady fingers, molasses "moshy," sugar "moshy," home-made beer and mead were her stock in trade. What a flavor they had! How delicious! No fear of adulterated food haunted the consumer. Nor did high prices reign as at present. A few cents would satisfy one's appetite."

Mary Forney was of gentle aspect, cheerful in all things; though when wayward children of the neighbors, and sometimes her own grandchildren, played pranks in her store she could assume the ascetic demeanor of the old Covenanter. She was not at this time deeply religious, though grounded in the Presbyterian faith she early espoused in the Scotch-Irish atmosphere of Silvers' Spring. Yet for 30 years after her return to Annville she seems to have avoided church worship, we judge mainly because of daily home duties and also because there was no building of that denomination in the locality. Later in life it appears she became more constant and no doubt accompanied her son Peter to worship. This is verified

by a letter now in our possession and from that God-like man, Dr. John Philip Stein. We give it in part and would invite also attention to his jocular reference to "the moshy, the cakes and the beer."

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, November 12, 1866.

Dear Grandmother: I believe I have never written a letter to you. As I have of late felt like doing so, I thought I would embrace the opportunity without further delay. I have often thought of my childhood days when I so much loved to visit my grandmother. Whether it was grandmother herself that was the great attraction or the moshy, the cakes and the beer that made me so anxious to visit you, can be inferred from the nature of children. I believe the first opportunity I had of earning a little money was by selling molasses candy at public sales and camp meetings and in keeping a little table stocked with cakes and candies out of your shop on battalion days. These times are passed, but the memory of them is not forgotten. Their influence may be far greater than any of us could suppose. Perhaps much of the business tact of children may be traced back to those little experiences received in childhood days. They are pleasant memories and I feel assured that it was then that I received many useful lessons. I now seek to employ boys in selling almanacs or do anything of the kind, knowing that it will be unto them an instructive and profitable lesson. But things have changed since these bygone days. Mine has become a life of earnest, solemn and active labor in a calling, perhaps which neither you nor I thought of when I was but a boy. Yet thus it is. We may plan what we will do in the future, but God says what we shall do. While your grandchildren have grown up, greatly changed, and widely scattered, and some bid farewell forever more to these earthly scenes, you to us seem still the same good and faithful, hard-working grandmother. And yet you are not the same. Age is leaving its marks on you. And you no doubt feel that is going down the hill of life very rapidly. You no doubt feel that your strength is gradually failing. Though this may be the case, from my very heart am I thankful that God has spared you so long, and I sincerely wish that you may be spared to be with us many years. In one thing I am happy to learn that you are not the same. There was a time when you seldom went to hear the preaching of God's word, which was perhaps owing that you got out of the habit of going. But now I learn that you frequently attend worship in the house of God. And, oh, how glad I am, grandmother! Faith cometh by the preaching of the word. The more you hear the word of God, the stronger will your faith become in Jesus, our blessed Savior. Keep on, grandmother; believe in his word, his love and his mercy. And be faithful in doing his commands, as they are known to you, and as you will become acquainted with them from time to time by punctually attending church. How sweet it is to live together on earth with the prospect that when we are once done living here that we have a home with Christ, our Savior beyond the skies. * * * *

Your affectionate grandson,

JNO. PHILIP STEIN.

What a letter! and what a sermon it contains: and its author's life was always a sermon of cheer and faith to all of us.

Mary Martin Forney departed this life April 17, 1872, and is interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Annville, Pa. Hers was a rare character, of loving disposition, and she was faithful in all things.

"In another world she lives in bliss,
Because she made the best of this."

The Troxel Family.

SARAH, the oldest child of John and Mary (Martin) Forney, was born in Annville township March 10, 1814. On July 25, 1832, she married, by the Rev. Henry Groh, Joseph Troxel, who was born October 4, 1810. He was a cabinet-maker, and in his shop the Forney boys learned that trade, as is recited elsewhere. He with his family subsequently removed to Iowa, where he spent the balance of his days, expiring in Burlington, May 5, 1892, closing an eventful and useful life at a ripe old age. Mrs. Troxel predeceased him, dying October 31, 1872. The fruits of this union were ten children. Though blessed with numerous progeny, an inmate of the Troxel home was Nancy Sargent Troxel, a daughter by adoption, who died at Burlington, February 13, 1887, aged 60 years.

WILLIAM, born December 10, 1833. He was a soldier in the war for the Union. Was mustered into service September 4, 1864, in Company G, Captain George Huber, Two Hundredth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Lieutenant Colonel M'Call, and was killed March 25, 1865, in General Hartranft's desperate and successful charge in recapturing Fort Steadman in front of Petersburg, Va. His wife was Jemima Nuffsinger. They had one son.

JOHN H., born August 30, 1835. Married at Annville Catharine Ann, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Miller) Gingrich. Their children were:

Mary Elizabeth, born June 14, 1857. Married John Edward Rankin, of Greeley, Colo., at Burlington, Iowa, September 10, 1891. They have no children and are now living at Fairfield, Iowa;

Emma Louise, born October 26, 1859. Married October 16, 1883, at Burlington to Charles Mortimer Greene, of Cedar

Rapids. Latter died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 25, 1889. To them these two children were born:

William Troxel Greene, December 24, 1884. Married June 30, 1907, Miss Gertrude Dacom, and have a daughter, Virginia Louise. Their home is in Glendale, Iowa:

Frances Louise Greene, born December 14, 1886. Married September 28, 1909, to Lee T. White. One of the most prominent features of this wedding besides the union of Greene and White was the unique blending of the two colors in dress and in the decorations. To them has been born one daughter, Helen Louise. They reside at Monmouth, Ill.

Albert Lincoln, born June 14, 1862. Married at Burlington, Iowa, October 25, 1887, to Miss Cora Heaton. Their children are Edna Louise, born June 9, 1890, and Elizabeth Heaton, born August 28, 1902;

William Martin, born April 6, 1871. Married October 23, 1900, to Miss Barbara Kessel, of Brighton, Iowa. They have no children.

JOHN HENRY TROXEL, son of Joseph and Sarah, is a veteran of the Rebellion. He enlisted in Company K, of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, September 17, 1861. After being in the field several months the hardships incident to the service proved too much for his not too robust frame and he was discharged upon a surgeon's certificate of general disability July 14, 1862. He moved to Iowa in October, 1864. After working at his trade as a cabinet-maker for some time he and his brother Joseph engaged in the furniture business under the name of Troxel Brothers. This partnership lasted for 30 years, when Joseph moved to Waterloo, Iowa, after selling his interest in the store to his brother. The old firm's name has not been changed by reason of the withdrawal of Joseph, as the two sons of John are with him in the business, which is now one of the largest retail furniture and carpet houses in the State of Iowa.

MARY, the eldest daughter of Joseph and Sarah Troxel, was born December 11, 1837. She married Henry Lineweaver, and died at Burlington, Iowa, August 29, 1885. They had eight children:

REBECCA was born January 6, 1840. Married Israel Neff and had three boys and two girls:

AMELIA, born July 14, 1842. Married Joseph Still, and died at Burlington August 30, 1880. They had five children, three boys and two girls:

SARAH, born December 9, 1843. She married George Le

Baron, and died at Burlington, Iowa, October 31, 1872. They had two sons:

JOSEPH, born June 6, 1846. Married Laura Miner and they had one son.

JOSEPH had more than a meritorious war service. He enlisted October 25, 1862, at the age of 16 in the Third Heavy Artillery, being the One Hundred and Fifty-second Pennsylvania Line, Colonel Joseph Roberts. He was attached to Light Battery H, Captain William D. Rank, which was ordered to duty in the defenses of Baltimore, where with the exception of being sent to the front upon the occasion of the Battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863, it remained during its entire term of service, and where Mr. Troxel was mustered out with his company, July 25, 1865. The Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, though originally organized for special duty at Fortress Monroe, had a large share of field service to perform. By land and sea, where arduous and dangerous duty was to be done, there the representatives of this regiment were to be found. It had the reputation of being remarkably well drilled in every branch of artillery service and also in infantry and naval duty. All the field and nearly all the line officers of the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth were promoted from its ranks, and the excellent discipline and soldierly bearing of the command was the frequent subject of remark and commendation by its superior officers. Joseph Troxel now resides in Waterloo, Iowa, where he is engaged extensively in real estate operations. His only son Millard is the manager of a large house furnishing store in Kewanee, Ill. Latter was twice married. His first wife was Miss Cora Artz, who was considered one of the most beautiful women in Iowa. After her demise he married Miss Vinont, of Des Moines, a teacher of biology in the Kewanee, Ill., high school.

LYDIA was born April 21, 1850. Married George Le Baron, and died May 13, 1873. She left one daughter:

MILLARD FILLMORE was born November 8, 1852, and died March 9, 1857;

JANE CATHARINE was born May 1, 1855. Married Daniel Haskell and have five children, four sons and one daughter.

JOHN AND SUSAN (FISHER) FORNEY.

JOHN FORNEY, oldest son of John and Mary (Martin) Forney, was born August 27, 1817, at Silvers' Springs, Cumberland County. He married March 10, 1840, Susan Fisher,

daughter of Henry and Sarah (Meily) Fisher, of Lebanon, and was born June 20, 1821, died August 17, 1881. They were the parents of eleven children:

JOHN HENRY, born April 6, 1842, died January 15, 1844.

WILLIAM JAMES, born December 7, 1843. He was a soldier in the War for the Union, rank of Corporal, serving in Company I, 127th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed December 31, 1862, at Fredericksburg, Va., and is interred in the National Cemetery at that place. A handsome stone is erected to his memory in Union Cemetery, Annville, Pa.

JOHN ADAM, born January 7, 1846. Married Margaret D. Gallager August 23, 1876, and they are the parents of three children: *Mowbray W.*, born Philadelphia June 15, 1877, graduate of Princeton College 1901 as civil engineer and is now a general contractor. *John Albert*, born New York February 3, 1880, graduate of Princeton, classical course, and is engaged in wholesale cotton goods business. He married at Goldfield, Nevada, June 17, 1906, to Mrs. Anna M. Hunt, and has John A., Jr., born November 29, 1907; and *Jean*, born St. Paul, June 25, 1884.

John Adam Forney was the first to operate popular price restaurants in Philadelphia during the Centennial year, and which business he successfully conducted afterward in New York for four years, going to St. Paul in 1885, and in New York again up to 1908, but retired recently. In the latter city he was greatly interested in mission work and was the founder of the Bowery Mission and Young Men's Home. He has been actively engaged in evangelistic service in the cause of the Society of Christian Israelites, a sect founded in England by John Wroe over 125 years ago.

FRANKLIN L., born March 10, 1848. Learned the cabinet-making trade. For years was in the restaurant business in Philadelphia and New York. Now a resident of latter city. He married July 15, 1874, Miss Arabella Grimes, and they had *John W.*, born October 17, 1875; *Viola May*, born May 14, 1877; *Franklin L., Jr.*, born December 24, 1879, married July, 1911, to Miss Alice Hart; and *Harry A.*, born September 19, 1882, died infant. John W. Forney, born October 17, 1875, at Bernville, Berks County, Pa. Married at Lancaster, Pa., June 19, 1904, to Anna M. Miller, born November 12, 1878, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Miller. Have children:

Ethel May Forney, born May 15, 1905; John W., Jr., born November 2, 1907; Sara Arabella, born November 8, 1909, and Franklin L., born October 19, 1910. All born at Lancaster, Pa., where the family now resides.

HENRY C., born April 16, 1850. Married 1881 to a widow. No issue. He died November 23, 1894; interred at Annville.

SARAH E., born December 22, 1851; infant died.

MARY A., born August 15, 1854. Married June 21, 1881, Albert C., son of George Rigler, who died February 27, 1904. Had issue Ruth and Margaret. The mother is now living at Annville.

EMMA L., born October 16, 1856. Married February 10, 1881, Aaron Bodenhorn, and they have children.

SAMUEL P., born November 13, 1858. Married Kate ——— in 1891. He died May 4, 1906, and is interred at Brooklyn, N. Y.

SUSAN J., born October 1, 1860. Married May 8, 1895, C. Leissring, a widower. She has borne him no children. They live in West Philadelphia.

KATIE E., born March 4, 1863; died June 10, 1864.

John Forney, the father of the foregoing eleven children, after finishing his trade with his brother-in-law Joseph Troxel at Annville opened business of cabinet-making at Palmyra. He located almost opposite the Union Hotel and had his shop and warerooms next the house, and which comprised two lots of ground he purchased in March, 1846, from George Aurent and Daniel Carmany, and which adjoined properties of Joseph Longnecker and Peter Rodearmel. Here Mr. Forney carried on an extensive business in the manufacture of furniture for 20 years, or until his death. In addition to several of his own sons he was master to several apprentice boys of the neighborhood, one of them, William Henry, succeeding him in the business. Mr. Forney was a man of integrity and high character and his death, which occurred March 17, 1867, was a distinct loss to the community. He was interred at Palmyra but subsequently his remains were transferred to Union Cemetery, Annville.

THE STEIN FAMILY.

CATHARINE, the second daughter of John and Mary (Martin) Forney, was born July 2, 1815, in Annville township, Lebanon County. She married Daniel Stein, who was born May 16, 1811, died January 9, 1894. His wife predeceased him, passing away January 24, 1872. He was a hatter by trade, which business he successfully conducted for many years. As Justice of the Peace he served continuously from 1862 to 1890.

As a citizen and public official he was always held in the highest esteem. He was an elder in the Christ Reformed Church for years. He resided all his life on the property descended to him from his father, and which is now the Batdorf homestead on Main street, the hat shop being then next door to the east. Daniel was a son of Philip Stine (born 1779, died August 11, 1850) and Anna Maria Stover (born June, 1779, died May 25, 1841) and grandson of John Stine, a farmer of Annville township, then Lebanon township, Lancaster County, during the Revolutionary period. Daniel and Catharine Stine had ten children. Of them but three survive; George W.; Sarah, wife of Michael Batdorf, and Emma R., wife of Charles H. Smith, of Lebanon.

George W., the second child, was born December 4, 1840, married June 19, 1867, by the Rev. J. E. Heister to Caroline Rauch, and had *James R.*, *Samuel H.*, both in the ministry, and *George H.*, now attorney at the Philadelphia Bar. Latter married September 7, 1911, Miss Elizabeth Ogle, of ~~Sunbury~~ Somerset, a niece of Geo. F. Baer, president of the Reading Railroad. On February 19, 1897, Mrs. Stein died. On October 12, 1899, George W. married Rose Emma Witmer, two children, *Frances* and *Catharine F.*, being the fruit of this union. Mr. Stein was for years one of the most successful and popular teachers in the local schools. In 1873, when the Annville Savings and Deposit Bank was founded, he was appointed teller, and on January 10, 1877, when it secured a charter as a National Bank, he was elected cashier, which position he still retains. For forty-one years he has been superintendent of the Christ Reformed Church Sunday schools, as well as deacon and elder of the church for many successive years.

John Philip, the eldest son of Daniel and Catharine, was born June 11, 1830, married December 28, 1864, in the Reformed Dutch Church, LaFayette Place, New York City, to Miss Katharine A. North, of North Carolina, a lady he first met at the home of Dr. Philip Schaff, of which Mr. Stein was an inmate. Five children were the fruits of this union: *Florence*, now Mrs. James Jamison, East Orange, N. J.; *Dr. Edward A. Stein*, Jersey City, N. J.; *Dr. D. Ambrose Stein*, Philadelphia, Pa.; *John P. Stein*, Reading, Pa.; *Leslie A. Stein*, Medical Corps, United States Army, P. I. Kinship and personal regard of the late Dr. John Philip impel a lengthy biography, suffice it to say he was forty-five years in the ministry and all his life was a friend of the needy and distressed. His advice was like a stream of silver flowing from an inspired source. The writer remembers with pleasure and profit the

words of hope and encouragement this holy man proffered when most needed, and then, too, conveyed with such sincerity and delicacy. He was educated at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1861, and took a theological course at Mercersburg and at Union Seminary, New York. He entered into active work in 1864 and generally thereafter he was assigned to mission charges, successively at Tremont and Donaldson, Schuylkill Haven, Pottsville, West Philadelphia, Millersville, till 1892, when he took charge of St. Thomas's Church, Reading. In the executive councils of the church at large he held various appointments and elective positions. For 26 years he was the stated clerk of the Eastern Synod and for ten years he filled the same office of the General Synod. He was also trustee of the Theological Seminary and a member of the Board of Visitors of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. In 1899 his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of D. D. Doctor Stein fell "asleep in Jesus" while still in active work and vigor February 3, 1909, at Reading, Pa., and is interred in Charles Evans Cemetery, nearby to the memorial of his industry and chosen calling. His widow, Arabella North, survived him but a few months. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jamison, in East Orange, N. J., whither she removed soon after the death of her husband.

JACOB H., the third son of Daniel and Catharine Stein, was born April 24, 1846. He was a matriculate of Mercersburg College. In 1862 he entered Lemberger's drug store, Lebanon, where he served a five-year apprenticeship. Subsequently he took a course in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with first honors in 1869. In the following year he settled in Reading, and after an employment of two years in Philip Ziegler's drug store he established one of his own at the northeast corner of Eighth and Penn streets, where by diligent attention to business he built up an enviable trade. He was dean of the Reading druggists, serving the community longer than any of his fellow-pharmacists. At one time he was proprietor of four drug stores in Reading and one at Hamburg. He stood high in his profession. He had served as president of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, and belonged to the American Pharmaceutical Association. As a citizen he was known and liked, taking an active interest in whatever was for the public good. He was a member of the Law and Order Association of Reading. He was a prominent member of his church, the Second Reformed, was in the consistory 30 years and for 15 years Sunday school superintendent. He was a trustee of Franklin and Marshall Theological

Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., a member of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church and a trustee of the Eastern Synod. He also took a deep interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and was a member of the board.

Doctor Stein was married May 12, 1870, to Miss Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Mary Kreider Funck, of Lebanon, Pa., who was born April 27, 1847. Four children were the result of this union:

Mary Ella, born June 5, 1871, and married October 18, 1889, Frank Wildbalem Hanold and have one child, Stein Wildbalem, born June 20, 1903. The father, Frank W., died January 7, 1909;

Minnie Alberta, born January 17, 1874, living at home;

Jacob Howard, born October 14, 1875, died August 8, 1876;

Katharine French, born June 4, 1878, married April 27, 1909, to Frederick Christian Seiber, and now resides in Harrisburg.

On May 17, 1909, Doctor Stein departed this life and was interred in Charles Evans Cemetery. His wife, Lydia Funck, predeceased him, expiring March 23, 1909.

James Martin Forney.

JAMES MARTIN FORNEY, youngest child and third son of John and Mary, was born February 21, 1822, at Silvers' Springs, Cumberland County, Pa. He came to Annville about 1832 after the accidental death of his father at former place. He married November 14, 1844, at Annville by the Rev. H. Wagner, Sarah, second daughter of William and Elizabeth Eba Mellinger, who was born May 13, 1825. He was a cabinet-maker like his brothers John and Peter. He removed in 1846 to Linglestown, Dauphin County. Here he had a large wareroom on Main street at west end of town, which he relinquished in April, 1850. The building is now occupied as a saddlery and harness shop by John Shaner. Mr. Forney removed immediately to Burlington, Iowa, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mellinger, where he spent the balance of his life. His death occurred November 28, 1896, of which event the Burlington "Hawkeye" of following day had to say:

> "James M. Forney, long a respected citizen of Burlington, passed away yesterday at his home, No. 801 South Fourth street. For several years past, and especially for the past three years, the deceased had suffered from chronic bronchitis and endured what would, ordinarily, have long ago killed one so afflicted. Mr.

Forney for many years was actively engaged in public enterprises in Burlington and enjoyed a fine reputation not only for good business ability, but for integrity and fair dealing. However, he had not been met with in the world of business since his chronic malady became so troublesome about three years ago. * * * His first business venture in Burlington was the operation of a saw-mill. In 1857 he engaged in partnership with Samuel Mellinger in the tin and stove business, the firm name being Mellinger & Co. He retired from this connection in 1866. In 1875 he became interested in the patent of M. C. Buffington, for an improved buggy wheel and furnished the capital for the firm of Buffington & Forney, out of which grew the Buffington Wheel Company, which, until its absorption by the American Wheel Company, continued a prosperous manufacturing concern. Under the reorganization, which occurred about six years ago, Mr. Forney retired and had not since been actively engaged in business.

"Mr. Forney's home life was one blessed in many ways. He was the father of eight children, of whom four with their mother survive him. * * * He was a devoted father and husband, kind and just and exemplary in all his ways. He was a member of the United Brethren Church by profession, but for many years had affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and filled the office of trustee with fidelity to the trust reposed in him. He was a good citizen and died enjoying the respect of every one."

Mrs. Forney survived her husband but a few years, dying April 1, 1899. Their children were:

JOHN HENRY, born April 6, 1846, in Pennsylvania; married Emma Holstein June 19, 1901.

MARY ELIZABETH, born May 20, 1848, in Pennsylvania; married Seth Eggleston November 1, 1876. The result of this union was one child, *Roy*, born April 27, 1878, who married December 1, 1909, Dorothy Lydia Ruedy. Mary died January 17, 1890.

WILLIAM MELLINGER, born August 3, 1850, in Iowa; died February 5, 1886.

ANNIE, born November 2, 1852; unmarried and living at home.

CARRIE, born April 23, 1855, married Seth Eggleston, her brother-in-law, April 18, 1893. She bore him no children. He was born April 14, 1851, and died suddenly December 12, 1896, at Des Moines, Iowa. His widow together with her sister Annie now living at the old homestead.

SALLIE, born April 1, 1857, died July 6, 1871.

JAMES FRANKLIN, born December 13, 1859, died June 28, 1880.

EMMA, born March 24, 1862; married January 4, 1888, at Burlington to Mr. Richard J. Sickels.

CHAPTER III.

PETER FORNEY, OF ANNVILLE.

PETER FORNEY, second son and fourth child of John and Mary, was born October 23, 1819, in Silvers' Springs township, Cumberland County, near Bricker's Mill. When four years of age he lost his father, as already narrated, and at the age of twelve he was taken by his mother to Annville,

MARY ANN (Henning) FORNEY.

PETER FORNEY, ANNVILLE, PENNA.

Lebanon County. Here soon afterward he was apprenticed to the cabinet-making trade with his brother-in-law, Joseph Troxel. The latter's son John, now a resident of Burlington, Iowa, says:

> "After Granny Forney was compelled to earn a living, the younger children spent a large part of their time at the home of their elder sister Sallie, who had married Joseph Troxel, and the latter set his young brothers-in-law at work at an early age learning their trade in his shop. The whole relationship seems to have learned the same business."

The Troxel shop stood on Main street, where the Warner house is now located, the Troxel home being next to the west, southeast corner of Main street and Cherry alley, and which was afterward acquired by his brother John. At the age of twenty-three and while yet working as a journeyman, Peter on September 20, 1842, was married by the Rev. H. Wagner to

Ann Maria, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Carmany) Henning. She was born August 31, 1824, in South Annville township and was descended from Daniel Henning, a sergeant in Captain Stoever's command in the Revolution, which company in 1781 was guarding British prisoners at Lancaster. He served later in Captain David Krause's company, Colonel Thomas Edwards. After the close of hostilities he was Captain of Eighth Company, Fourth Battalion, Colonel James Woods, Dauphin County militia. He is presumed to have been a brother of Jacob Henning, a hatter, who is on the 1787 list of ratables of Louisburg (Harrisburg), and in which year his name appears on a list of contributors to the "first church in Harrisburg," now Salem Reformed. He was born 1744 and died in 1824 and was interred in Zion Lutheran churchyard, Fourth and Market streets; but a few years ago when the Pennsylvania Railroad enlarged the approaches to the depot his remains and headstone were removed to Harrisburg cemetery.

On the maternal side Maria Henning was descended from Anthony Karmony, a large landowner in Lebanon County. Her grandfather was Daniel Henning, born January 10, 1755, and who was a man of superior attainments and well-grounded in the classics. He died December 10, 1831. On December 15, 1783, he married Margaretta, born Wolfersperger, a widow of George Stein, whom she married in 1770 and who died in 1782. Margaretta was born near Campbelltown November 12, 1748, and died May 8, 1826. Both are interred in old Annville cemetery. They had the following children:

Elizabeth, born November 1, 1784;
Catharine, born July 1, 1786.
Jacob, born December 10, 1788;
Maria, born February 7, 1791.

Jacob Henning, the only son of Daniel and Margaretta, married September 7, 1813, Susan Carmany, who was born September 7, 1796. We thus see she was married on the 17th anniversary of her birth. Jacob died January 14, 1847, the wife following November 26, same year. Both are buried in Evergreen cemetery, Annville.

The Henning home appears to have been located at the northeast corner of Lancaster and Queen streets, where Joseph Arndt now lives. From here the family moved to White Oak street, to what was afterward the parsonage, where dwelt the beloved Doctor Heister, now owned by Mr. Oliver Henry. From White Oak street Jacob Henning removed to the location on Main street, where now stands Isaac Bowman's bakery, and conducted a hotel, and which subsequently became the

Eagle by extensions to the east, or to the corner of White Oak street, made famous to later generations by Kuehnle, Fink and Crall in succession. The balance of the block on the south side of Main street then being owned by Philip Stein. Jacob and Susan (Carmany) Henning had nine children:

Sarah, born September 18, 1813;
William, born December 4, 1815;
Jacob, born December 8, 1817, and died September 5, 1888;
Catharine, born April 26, 1822, died October 10, 1832;
Maria, born August 31, 1824;
Emelia, born April 25, 1827, and died February 24, 1842;
Mary Ann, born June 5, 1831;
Amanda, born February 4, 1834;
John Daniel, born April 21, 1837, and died July 2, 1866.

Amanda, above, married Henry Smith and lived at Lebanon, where they raised a large family. Jacob married Susan, daughter of John and Magdalena (Shenk) Rohrer, of Lancaster, Pa. She was a teacher in the Annville Academy in 1842, born June 4, 1814, and died at Niagara Falls December 9, 1877. They had one child, Amos W. R., who was born May 5, 1842, and who after a short and successful business and public life expired June 10, 1890, just after relinquishing the office of County Clerk for Niagara, New York.

John Daniel Henning married March 7, 1861, Sarah Ann Carmany, born May 6, 1842, and died October 2, 1871. Children:

John William, born December 11, 1861, and died March 23, 1866;

Horatio Jacob, born November 23, 1863, married January 3, 1891, to Sarah Jane, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Kemery, of Mahanoy City, and they are the parents of two children:

Ralph Earnest, born November 30, 1892, and Horatio Earl, born May 22, 1894.

Immediately after Peter Forney's marriage to Maria Henning he bought for $800 April 1, 1843, of Peter Bachman and wife Rosanna house and lot of Ground in Annville, described as follows:

On Main or Market street, bounded on the west by White Oak street, on the north by Lebanon alley and on the east by Peter Bachman's lot. Lot on ground plan of Annville is No. 36 (except one perch being on No. 37) and sold in 1833 to Bachman by Jacob S. and Sarah Hollinger.

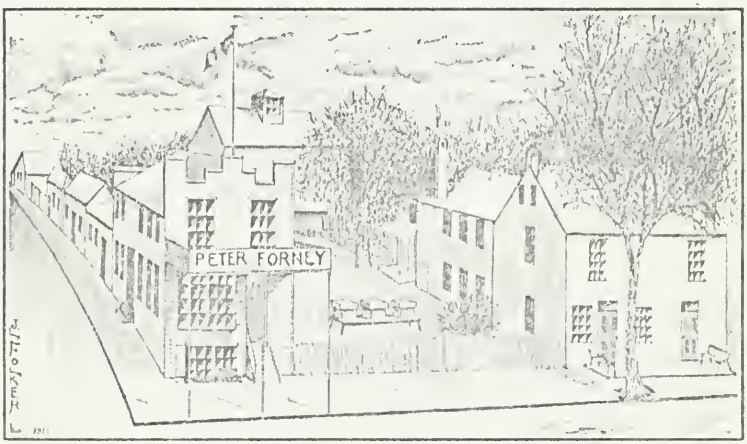
At that time the Bachman house was the most easterly in Annville on the north side of Main street. The Jacob S. Hollinger mentioned above was a son of Jacob Hollinger, who

died in Lebanon County in 1781, and whose wife was Anna B. Stackhouse, born in England about 1740. According to a policy of insurance, No. 6542 in "The Lycoming County" and dated October 15, 1845, the property is thus described :

> "A Log dwelling house owned by him (Peter Forney) valued at $450, also household furniture therein at $150, also barn and shed at $50, also cabinet shop at $150, also furniture, stock and tools at $150."

On the same policy are these endorsements:

> "This is to certify that Peter Forney * * * has made additions and alterations to his barn and shed - - that he has built



ANNIE M. (Forney) FOLKLE'S BIRTHPLACE.

> an addition to the south end of forty-three feet in length and twenty-six feet in depth, and extended the one hereby insured six feet in depth, and removed a shed or hog stable from the old to the new part on the rear side." Dated February 21, 1853.
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> "Peter Forney, the insured within named, having built a one-story frame shop (cabinet maker's) on his lot along the street between his cabinet maker's shop and barn, into which he will put his tools and part of his stock, the shop herein insured to be used for finished work, the new shop is sixty-four feet long and twelve feet wide, is five feet north of wood-house and eight feet south of carriage house." Dated July 20, 1853.

The foregoing is somewhat in detail and quoted because it best describes the buildings as in use up to the time of Peter Forney's death. Bearing on the same topic and possibly not

quite so accurate is the following abstract from a local paper, clipping not dated, but issue no doubt of several years ago:

> "The old frame building on the northeast corner of Main and White Oak streets, which had been occupied by Sheffy's furniture warerooms, is being razed to the ground to make room for a new and more convenient structure. It has always been an old landmark for Annville, as it was built with the laying out of the town. Mrs. George Stein, the present owner, has in her possession deeds dating back as far as 1833, when the property belonged to Jacob S. Hollinger."

The "new and more convenient structure" is still in use, but it is suggested the old building was more of "a thing of beauty." We feel its retention would have assured us "a joy forever."

As an aftermath of the second war with Engand, or War of 1812, the militia spirit dormant at the close of the 18th century was revived and many of our best citizens were enrolled, mainly for the gorgeous uniforms worn and the holiday sport of battalion day. Peter Forney was no exception and in early life he "jined." His original discharge, now in our possession, is a memento of that period. We give it *verbatim et literatim*:

DISCHARGE.

> Annville Guards.
>
> Cyrus Carmany, Captain at the present time, duly commissioned, and commanding the organized Volunteer Infantry Company, called "ANNVILLE GUARDS," now attached to the "Independent Battalion of Lebanon County," composed of the "Lebanon County Cavalry," the "Annville Guards," and the "Independent Guards," Pennsylvania Militia, DO HEREBY CERTIFY by virtue of the tenth section of the Militia Law, of the 24th day of March, A. D. 1818, That PETER FORNEY, 1ST SERGEANT enrolled, uniformed and equipped himself, and faithfully served as a Member of said Company, for the space of seven successive years, commencing on the 15th of May, 1837; And is therefore exempted from Militia Duty, except in time of invasion, insurrection, or actual war, and is entitled to be honorably discharged. Witness our hands at Annville, the 20th day of May, A. D. 1844.
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> (Signed) Cyrus Carmany, 1st Lieut. Henry Carmany, 2nd Lieut. John Alwein } Commanding Officers.
> Major F. Embich.

Peter Forney continued in the active pursuit of the cabinet-making trade and in a few years was the largest dealer in new furniture in the locality. He soon afterward added the undertaking business. He had no fear of contagion, and in those days there was no board of health to annoy or restrict him in handling the dead from virulent complaints. The fam-

ily know of instances when smallpox victims were alone and unattended till Peter Forney in his big-heartedness performed the last offices, not only in providing the shroud and coffin and preparing the body for burial, but he and son Amos entirely alone reading the ritual and singing a hymn. This, too, without any recompense in sight.

As the business grew he from year to year employed apprentices, some of them making their homes with him, some with their parents. In addition to his own sons they were as follows: Jacob C. Ward, Samuel Biever, John H. Stein, Jacob B. Killinger, Henry B. Scherzer, William Dougherty, Reuben Henry, Samuel Barnhard, Daniel Fegan, Tobias Ulrich, John H. Ulrich, Horace Beck, Levi Sheffy, William Miller, Jacob Martin, John Fisher and Daniel A. Whiskeyman. Those now living say no boy ever had a better master.

Peter Forney never refused his support to any movement for good in the neighborhood. If he did not originate he was one of the first to lend assistance. In 1850 he was foremost in forming the Citizens' Fire Engine Company, of Annville. His certificates of shares in that organization are signed by Henry Fisher, president, and Henry Stroh, secretary, dated January 1, that year. He took an active interest in local politics. Being a strong Whig, he, after the formation of the Republican Party, consistently adhered to its principles. As early as 1850 he was a member of the North Annville election board as judge, succeeding Henry M. Seltzer, and having as inspectors John Troxel and George G. Heilman. Mr. Forney was on the board for many years afterward. He was one of the incorporators in 1850 of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Annville and was a member of the board of directors and served as such for many years.

We have before us the original minutes of organization of Washington Band, now one of the best musical bodies in Lebanon County:

> "ANNVILLE, Monday evening, August 2, 1858.—The young men of Annville met in Peter Forney's wareroom and organized a brass band. Present: John D. Henning, John Walters, John H. Ulrich, Daniel Ulrich, Daniel Fegan, George Hoverter, Joseph Erman, Levi Sheffy.
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> "Wednesday evening, August 4, 1858; second meeting.—Present: John D. Henning, John Walters, John H. Ulrich, Daniel Ulrich, Daniel Fegan, George Hoverter, Joseph Erman, Levi Sheffy, Henry Bodenhorn. And elected John D. Biever and Peter Forney as managers, and John D. Biever to be recording secretary and Peter Forney to be treasurer of said band, and John H. Ulrich was elected president and Henry Bodenhorn corresponding secretary.

ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

August 6, Henry Bodenhorn paid to Peter Forney, Treasurer:

Aug.	1, 1858:	Membership fees	$10.00
"	7,	To Instrument money	122.00
"	23,	" Membership fee	1.00
"	27,	" Membership fee	2.00
"	25,	" Tuition money	22.00

DISBURSEMENTS

"	7, 1858:	Peter Forney paid to Perseverance Band of Lebanon	$122.00
"		To John D. Henning for symbols	5.00
"		" John D. Henning for drum rope	.31
"		" John Walters for symbols	5.00
"		" Mr. Rowbothom for teaching	22.00

Peter Forney was treasurer of the North Annville school district in 1860 and 1861; possibly other years. He was trustee and treasurer of Christ Reformed Church, as well as a member of its choir and leader of latter for years. Was librarian of the Sunday school for many years, having William H. Seabold and Frank Killinger as assistants. The former at Mr. Forney's death succeeded him and served continuously since. One of the last acts of Mr. Forney in the foregoing connection was of March 25, 1881, when he as trustee acquired for $1 for the Annville Reformed congregation the interest Palmyra charge, comprising Campbelltown, Palmyra and Annville Reformed congregations, held in parsonage on White Oak street, Annville. At one time the home of the Hennings, now owned by the father of Judge Charles Henry. In local affairs Mr. Forney always came to the fore in advocacy of improvements in township and in town. He was a firm believer in good highways. He was one of the active spirits in grading streets and setting curbing for same. His activity with others in 1862 awakened the bitter hostility of those in town opposed to these improvements, and many barns and outbuildings of the progressives were burned, evidently by incendiaries. In one night—that of Tuesday, July 29, 1862.—Crall's sheds and Fahnestock's and Spertzer's barns were consumed, and on night of Sunday, August 31, 1862, Peter Forney's barn was totally destroyed.

And now we approach the last and saddest chapter of Peter Forney's busy and useful life. Our judgment of him is not warped by family ties, though the nearest and the dearest is but lately severed. "An honest man's the noblest work of God." Mr. Forney was the soul of honor and his name a

synonym for probity. Our proudest heritage is his reputation and the impartial historian knows that that is secure. On March 4, 1879, a deed of assignment was made between Peter Forney and his wife Mary Ann and George W. Stein. The story is told best in the few and simple words of the preamble: "Owing to sundry losses and misfortunes, are at present unable to discharge their just debts and are willing to assign all their property for the benefit of their creditors." The real estate is thus described in the instrument: Lot No. 1, in North Annville, bounded by lands of Adam Ulrich, Sr., and Stephen Rigler. Lot No. 2, North Annville—the homestead. Lot No. 3, along Berks, Lebanon and Dauphin turnpike, adjoining John Marquart, Adam Ulrich and Jacob Hoffman. Lot No. 4, South Annville, five acres adjoining land of Samuel Seabold.

Though fortune turned against Mr. Forney at this advanced stage of life, he was himself mainly instrumental in the undoing because he could not resist the importunities of others to lend them his name and substance. Notes bearing his endorsement had made him a victim of misplaced confidence. Then, too, while his affairs were clouded with disaster he was threatened with physical paralysis. In the spring of 1881 he disposed of his real estate and personal property at public sale with the intention of spending the remainder of his days in Philadelphia. In the latter part of March with son Robert he visited relatives in the West, reaching Burlington, Iowa, on the 28th of that month. On the succeeding day he died from a paralytic stroke while seated at his son William's dining table. His body was brought to Annville and placed beside his mother in Evergreen Cemetery.

Peter Forney was a fair type of the active, industrious and farsighted men of the last generation, now fast disappearing, who did so much to build up the social and material features of the system of life we enjoy to-day. He left an impress for good on the community, in which he lived so long, that largely influenced the succeeding generation. He retained his interest in local affairs until the last. He belonged to a school of citizens who feel that they have duties to discharge, as well as civic rights to assert. He was an obliging neighbor, an indulgent husband and father and a God-fearing man.

We will narrate in proper order that Peter Forney was the father of twelve children by three marriages. Of his last wife, Mary Ann Witmoyer, truth and affection impels us to record that when she took charge of his house, home and four sons and one daughter, she was a mother to them in every sense of the term, always kind, considerate and affectionate. She never made any difference in her treatment of them and

her seven children. It was always home to all of them, even though they had homes of their own. She was such a home-loving woman that she seldom went from it. She so endeavored to raise her family that their lives might reflect the virtues of their forbears, and whatever mistakes they have made or whatever shortcomings they may have had she is glorified ever.

MARY ANN (Wilmoyer) FORNEY.

Peter and Maria had but one child, WILLIAM HENNING, born December 28, 1843, who learned his trade with his father. His youth was spent in the place of his birth, where he is remembered as an impulsive, vivacious and industrious spirit, full of fun and full of music—being an expert drummer. He was a leader in all sport. His horse is said to have been the speediest on the pike, and when accompanied by P. J. O'Byrne, as he generally was, the pair usually burned wind. He was a member of the old Washington Band and when in the brilliant uniform of that organization his deft handling of the sticks made him the envy of the small boy. In 1863 he would to the wars go, and after being outfitted by his patriotic father he with a new drum enlisted July 2, 1863, as a musician in Captain

John Stamm's Company F, 48th Regiment "Emergency Men" for the Gettysburg campaign. He was mustered out on August 26, 1863, by Colonel John B. Embich. This company was composed almost exclusively of Annville men. He returned to the army. On August 25, 1864, he was mustered a private in Company K, 209th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Colonel Tobias Kauffman, and was mustered out with his company May 31, 1865. His last service was as a corporal. In 1866 he visited his Uncle James in Burlington, Iowa, and on his return married December 24, 1867, by the Rev. J. E. Heister, Mary A. Harter, born at Palmyra August 4, 1846, and daughter of Anthony and Charlotte, and a lineal descendant of Matthias and Anna Mary Harter. Matthias was a Revolutionary soldier and died in Lebanon County January, 1790. He served in Captain David Krause's Fourth Company, Second Battalion, which was mainly engaged in guarding prisoners of war at Lancaster. In 1871 William, with wife, child and mother-in-law, removed to Burlington, Iowa. Here he remained but a short time, returning to Pennsylvania and lived temporarily near Pine Grove, but again returned to Burlington, Iowa. Five children came to them:

Lottie, born January 16, 1870, at Annville.

Charles, October 14, 1872, at Annville, died in Burlington, as did Lottie, both in early youth;

John, March, 1875, at Annville;

Lillian, July 12, 1877, at Burlington;

George, October 20, 1881, at Burlington.

Several years later William Forney and his family went to the new town of Spokane, Wash., and here he built himself a beautiful home on the boulevard at 2100 Ide avenue. It was not wanderlust so much as it was the pioneer characteristic so predominant in the Forney family, always prompting a move farther westward. But the railroad octopus with its ever convenient eminent domain grasp ruthlessly pushed the family from their domicile and a new home was established at 1720 Gardner avenue. Full of years with spirits undismayed and faculties undimmed, in a home of loving hearts, a prominent member of the Order of Elks, William H. Forney, awaits the soldiers' last and inevitable roll call.

Anna Maria, first wife of Peter Forney, died June 22, 1846. Latter married again January 25, 1848, by the Rev. H. Wagner, to Mary Ann Henning, born June 5, 1831, a sister of his deceased wife, and by her had four children:

JOHN JACOB, born January 16, 1849. He remained at home

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till maturity and learned the cabinet-making trade in his father's shop, afterward working as a pattern maker in the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad. From here he went to Burlington, Iowa, and found employment in the old Cedar Rapids, Burlington and Northern shops. He was also engaged in the brokerage business in that city. John J. was not only an expert mechanic but he was a good musician as well. At Annville he had been a member of the Washington Band and at Burlington he was trombonist in the famous Orchard City Band. After a residence of several years in Iowa, where he is remembered as the prince of fellowship and the life of his circle, which included the Rev. Robert Burdette and Dr. S. E. Nixon, John removed to New York and engaged with his cousin in the restaurant business. In the winter of 1881-82 he acquired the St. James Hotel at Third and Race streets, Philadelphia, which he managed successfully for twenty-four years. Mr. Forney conducted no bar in connection with his house, though there had been one there for a generation. It had been a noted hostelry for fifty years before and was the celebrated "White Swan," one of the few large hotels then in the city. In those days the merchants of the town met the country buyers there, and generally in the evenings. These season trips were a feature of the country storekeepers' life, and they generally reached the city by bus or coach. Prior to the advent of steam roads there ran from the "White Swan" daily Jacob Peters line of coaches to Bethlehem, Easton, Allentown and Catasauqua. The route was via Bethlehem pike, starting out with four horses, with relays at Chestnut Hill, Spring House and at Line Lexington, though but two horses usually used beyond Spring House. There were two famous drivers in this service. One of them, Christian Hagenswiler, familiarly known as "Dutch," was the father of Lieutenant William Hagenswiler, of the Philadelphia police department. In these early days the hotel was designated as headquarters of the militia organization of the county and city. Mr. Forney married September 13, 1882, by the Rev. A. D. Yocum, Miss Esther, daughter of Samuel and Julia A. (Crownover) Smith, of Altoona, Pa. She was born December 12, 1852, her father having the largest, and for a long time the only, jewelry store in that city. Her mother was a daughter of Daniel Crownover, a well-known farmer, who lived about twelve miles from Huntingdon, Pa. John J. Forney, after a life of unusual usefulness and of strict integrity, died suddenly August 21, 1905, in Camden, N. J., and is interred in Mount Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia. He was one of Nature's noblemen, "We ne'er

shall see his like again." His widow is now living at ~~2725 North 20th street, Philadelphia~~ Los Angeles Calif. They had four children:

Samuel Nerva, born June 28, 1883, a graduate of the Philadelphia High School, and is an accomplished violinist, and also takes keen interest in athletics. He is connected with the American Ice Company and is unmarried, making his home with his mother;

John Jacob, Jr., born March 13, 1885, a graduate of the Northeast Manual Training School; deceased

Ruth May, born October 18, 1886. She is a graduate of the Normal School for Girls of Philadelphia and for a period was a teacher in the schools of that city. Married her cousin Herbert Owens, and they are the parents of one child, Vernon H.;

James Amos, born December 18, 1890.

John and James make their home with their sister Mrs. Owens at Los Angeles, Cal., to which place they removed three years ago.

The second son of Peter and Mary Ann (Henning) Forney was SIMON PETER, born September 7, 1851. He was a bright and cheerful boy, though long an invalid. He died at the early age of twenty on June 29, 1871.

The only daughter of Peter and Mary Ann was ANNIE M., born February 10, 1854. We will speak of her again.

The third son of Peter and Mary Ann was AMOS FRANKLIN, born October 17, 1867. He also learned his trade in his father's shop and assisted in the undertaking business which his father conducted in connection with his furniture business. He was also a member of the Washington Cornet Band and as a young man was prominent in all social and church affairs in his native town until the family moved away. After the death of his father he accompanied them to Philadelphia, where for two years he engaged at his trade and then opened the Clinton House at 1610 Ridge avenue. Here as soon as success was assured him of this enterprise he turned the house and business over to his brother and removed to the State of Washington, where he remained nine years, first at Spokane and subsequently at Seattle, having his home on Green Lake. In 1892 he was married by the Rev. William Davies at his brother William's residence in Spokane to Miss Nettie, daughter of John and Rebecca (Singhiser) Smith, of Altoona, Pa. About 1895 he and his wife returned to Pennsylvania and made their home with Mrs. Forney's mother at 1326 Seltzer street, Philadelphia. Endowed with a nature of gold his temperament is easily defined. That he was a Christian gentleman we know. He never forgot the early home influences nor the spiritual training of the Reformed faith. Upright in all his practices he

was a companion to be sought. He never lost a friend and their name is legion. Full of self-abnegation his whole conduct was to make the world brighter, to strew sunshine before young and old as well throughout his everyday life. Too soon he was taken, being attacked with that dread malady, smallpox. After one week he succumbed, November 14, 1901, at the Municipal Hospital. He is interred temporarily at Mount Peace, whence after the usual sanitary regulations are observed he will find a permanent rest in Harrisburg Cemetery. He left no issue. His widow now resides at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mary Ann, second wife of Peter Forney, died February 20, 1859, and is interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Annville. Peter married third by the Rev. Jonathan E. Heister May 11, 1860, Mary Ann, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bashore) Witmoyer (in Colonial records generally spelled "Witmeyer"), born January 12, 1839. She was a descendant of John Boeshore (Bashore), a native of Germany. He was a brewer. With two of his brothers he emigrated from Germany. While on the ocean one of the brothers, August, was drowned. On reaching this country the survivors were disposed of as laborers, according to the terms by which they had secured their passage. John brought $11 and William, the other brother, $17. William finally settled in Berks County and John in Lebanon County, Pa., where he married Catharine Hoffman.

Peter and Mary Ann (Witmoyer) Forney had seven children:

Robert Anderson, born March 21, 1861. He in common with his half-brothers learned his father's trade in the home shop. On his father's death he accompanied the family to Philadelphia and after working two years at his trade he succeeded his brother Amos in the management of the Clinton House, which he conducted successfully for about 25 years, the family of which he was then the head living at 809 North Seventeenth street. In May, 1909, he disposed of his business and purchased a new home at Eighteenth and Regina streets, Harrisburg, to which he and his mother and one sister, Carrie, removed. He is unmarried.

Albert (infant) lived but one week.

Emma Rebecca, born November 9, 1864. Married December 16, 1882, by the Rev. Dr. John P. Stein, to Daniel A., son of Elias Batzle and Sarah (Winter) Whiskeyman, of Annville. His paternal ancestor (Wiskimmon) was a self-expatriated Hessian soldier, who after the close of the Revolution lived at Reading, where he followed tailoring. Daniel A. was

one of Peter Forney's apprentices and now conducts a large greenhouse in connection with vegetable growing at former place, where he occupies the property on Queen street, west of Lancaster street, which Mrs. Whiskeyman's mother purchased in 1906 from the Betz heirs. They had five children: *Roy C.*, born June 10, 1888, died April 12, 1903; *Ruth M.*, October 31, 1894; *Frances N.*, April 10, 1898; *Daniel A.* and *Mary E.* died in infancy. married 1919, Lee Hastings, Phila.

MARY ELLEN, born March 11, 1867. Of all the Forney children she was granny's favorite. Indeed, in personal characteristics the two were much alike. Mamie was always an active worker in her Master's cause. At Philadelphia she was superintendent of the infant class of Christ Reformed Church Sunday school. Though not attached to any organized body, she was an earnest home missionary. Many a family in destitute condition was the recipient of her bounty. Her supreme delight was to pick up the waifs of the street and after attending to their material necessities enroll them in her Sabbath class. Her kindness and charitable deeds were known only to themselves, to herself and to God. After a lingering illness her indomitable spirit succumbed at the early age of 32, dying January 24, 1899. Her mortal remains repose in Evergreen Cemetery beside Granny Forney.

CARRIE AMANDA, born December 1, 1869. She is a graduate of the Philadelphia Normal School and taught for over twenty years in the public schools of that city, or until her mother removed to Harrisburg and with whom she now makes her home. She is a member of the Salem Reformed Church.

PETER AMBROSE, born January 8, 1872. He was an open-hearted boy of the most generous instincts. It was his father's hope that he might be trained to the ministry of God, but the death of his father and breaking up of the Annville home ordained otherwise. Soon after passing the threshold of manhood he was seized of a fatal illness and he expired July 31, 1901, and is interred on the family lot in Annville.

KATE WITMOYER, born October 12, 1878. Attended the public schools of Philadelphia and subsequently was instructor in the select school conducted by Dr. James Farra Stone. She was married June 25, 1901, at Philadelphia, by the Rev. Dr. James Crawford to Henry W. George, M. D., a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He is a son of Herman N. (born October 28, 1857) and Magdalena Bornmany, born January 12, 1857, in Lengsfeld, Germany) George. Dr. George graduated at Muhlenberg Academy, Allentown, Pa., June, 1894, and subsequently took a classical course at the Muhlenberg College. He gradu-

ated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1900, and after serving one year at Samaritan Hospital, same city, as resident physician, he commenced active practice of his chosen profession at Middletown, Pa., May 22, 1901. He has been Pennsylvania Railroad surgeon since October, 1904. Doctor George is clerk of Sessions of Ruling Elders, also trustee of Middletown Presbyterian Church, as well as a prominent member of several secret orders, including the Masonic. He is a charter member of the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical Fraternity of Jefferson Medical College, also a member of the W. W. Keen Surgical Society of Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. George are the parents of the following children: *Dorothy Forney*, born October 24, 1902; *Forney Philip*, January 22, 1904; *Helen F.*, March 16, 1906; and *Mary Magdalene*, November 18, 1907. Dr. George is a member of the F. & A. M., Scottish Rite Consistory, and Knight of the Mystic Shrine.

CHAPTER IV.

ANNIE M. (FORNEY) FOLKER.

ANNIE M., only daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Henning) Forney, was born February 10, 1854, at Annville, Leb-

MISS ANNIE M. FORNEY.

anon County, Pa. She attended the North Annville school on King street, East Side, now a dwelling, which is just across from the Lincoln school. Her studious and exemplary conduct is attested by a large number of monthly merit certificates now before us and issued by her excellent teachers, George W. Stein and H. H. Ehrman. Almost all of these indicate she

attained a constant average of 100. Had she been permitted to round out a finished education, her chosen calling would have been that of oratory and elocution, for which she was peculiarly gifted and adapted; if we are to believe the statement of her teacher first named. She was born and bred a daughter of the Church. One of her intimates of those early days pays to her memory the following tribute: "She was baptized in infancy and soon became a member of the Reformed Sunday school, in which her father served as librarian for many years. Miss Forney grew up a bright, modest maiden, active in Sunday school and Church and earning the respect and esteem of the community. Home and school had more attractions for her than the street. The writer was a schoolmate, but he can recall nothing in all her school career that was discreditable to her. He also had the privilege of personal association, but the lady was always in evidence. On May 2, 1868, she was confirmed by the late Dr. J. E. Heister, the class consisting of 12 members, as follows: Simon Forney, Harrison Byerle, Zacharias Waltz, Frank Killinger, George Sudbury, Thomas S. Stein, Annie M. Forney, Frances McCleaf, Susan Heilman, Fannie Zook, Louisa Brewer, Lucy Boltz. She proved faithful to the vows then made and loved the Church of her choice, as shown by her interest and activity. She was always ready for service, whether in Sunday school work, in preparing and giving Christmas entertainments, or in the church choir. The tones of the church bell fell sweet on her attuned ears. She was regular in her attendance, and best of all, she lived an upright life, not hiding her light under a bushel."

The main object of her affectionate solicitude in her early days was her parents' church. Truly could she say, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house; and the place where thine honor dwelleth." From the day when first led by the hand of the father she honored so well to the old church on the hill until its walls were razed, her interest in the welfare of that sanctuary was never lost. She loved the very stones thereof; the services and the duties therein wearied her no more than shall the services and the duties in yonder land of glory.

She was gifted with an alto voice of exceptional purity, and for years was a member of the choir of Christ Reformed Church. In all musical matters she was deeply interested and took an active part in every effort to maintain singing classes and societies in her native town. These generally had Professor Kurzenknabe as instructor, who frequently gave entertainments in the town hall to show the proficiency of his classes to admiring friends, even though the latter were charged admission, which generally was 25 cents. A handbill announc-

ing "A Grand Musical Entertainment, to be given Wednesday evening, April 29, 1874, at the Town Hall, Annville, by Prof. J. H. Kurzenknabe, assisted by the Musical Convention of Annville" is before us. The musical selections composing the program are of the best order. The most successful, perhaps, of these classes was known as "The Annville Musical Society," which met regularly every Friday evening in No. 1 schoolhouse, South Annville, and had the following permanent board of officers: President, W. B. Bodenhorn; Vice President, Emma Crall; Secretary, Beckie Ulrich; Treasurer, Emma L. Stein; Musical Leader, John Walter; Assistant Musical Leader, Annie Forney.

So quick were her perceptions, so lively her sense of the beautiful and so exact her appreciation of nature, that she caught instantly the thought and the charm, say, of a poem, a painting or a landscape. Hence, she understood and loved, strongly and really, the picturesque surroundings of her early home. How she delighted in the eventide to look upon the splashing waters of the winding Quittapahilla, and to watch the variegated hues of the foliage overhanging its romantic banks, and the woods beyond, rich in their summer splendor or their autumnal red and gold, and the clouds tinged with sunglory resting in the blue and silent sky! She loved it all—the green field and the spreading oak. For her there were "sermons in stones and books in running brooks."

Her father's household was a busy one, and comprised many members, which with the duties incident thereto compelled her attendance at a too early age. Then, too, Granny Forney with advancing years required extra care. The importance of these labors she fully appreciated and her home tasks were always performed cheerfully. This domestic routine was varied by many pleasant diversions. Aside from church and Sunday school attendance, which was observed with exactness, there were choir practice, singing classes and occasional public entertainments generally at the town hall. Likewise, visits to relatives residing at distant points. In 1874 she went to Niagara Falls, where her Uncle Jacob and Aunt Susan Henning lived for years. While here she met a host of prominent people, friends of her Uncle Jacob, whose circle of acquaintances was national in scope. The Vedders, Piersons and Witmers were neighbors. The most prominent caller was, perhaps, General Ryan, who was then consummating filibustering schemes which soon after led him to a Cuban grave by Spanish bullets. A visitor also was General Ely S. Parker, who had served as Military Secretary on General Grant's staff and who was a full-blooded Indian, born on a nearby reservation. And there were others equally as dis-

tinguished. Her stay was one continued round of pleasure, but was cut short at the end of seven weeks, being called home by the severe illness of her sister Emma.

In 1880 she made a second visit to Niagara and from there went on to Burlington, Iowa, and remained considerable time with her brother Will and with Uncles James Forney and Joseph Troxel. The enjoyment of this trip was intense and the contemplation of it by her in after years was a pleasant memory. It was reciprocal in nature, inasmuch as her brother Will and her cousins, the Misses Carrie and Annie Forney, had a few years before been to Annville, where on the occasion of Annville's Centennial Celebration in 1876 held in Herr's Grove the three Forney girls assisted materially in the arrangements, serving on its several committees, the most important that of uniforms for the day. On another visit to the East in the winter months the Forney girls were participants in an adventure, serious in aspect but with comical results. The two Forney boys, Amos and Robert, seeking amusement for their cousins and finding the coasting good on the snow-covered road, surreptitiously removed the family sleigh from their father's barn and took it out the Manheim road beyond Krider's Mill, where they bundled in their sister Annie and two cousins and started down the decline toward the creek. But with increasing velocity the sleigh got beyond the control of Amos, who could not guide it properly and at the bridge the sleigh struck the wing walls with great force. The impact was terrific, breaking the sleigh into a shapeless mass and precipitating the occupants in the snow in all directions. Barring minor scratches, none was seriously injured, but the damage to the girls' feelings may be conjectured.

When leaving Burlington Miss Forney went through to New York and visited her cousin John Adam Forney, who was here a successful restauranteur and who was greatly interested in mission work among the poorer classes of that city. While here she attended Doctor Deems's Church of the Strangers and was a member of a volunteer choir, serving Sunday afternoons at the Five Points Mission. She came shortly thereafter from New York and made her home for a limited time with Mrs. John Unger, who was her life-long friend. During the following summer she spent the season at Atlantic City with a friend, Mrs. Weiner, and with whom she returned to Philadelphia, but the sudden death of her father recalled her to Annville, where she remained over the funeral and the time necessary to complete arrangements made by her father prior to his death to move the whole family to Philadelphia, and which was done, they locating at 1303 Melon street. She accompanied them and immediately thereafter became inter-

ested in the work of the Women's Silk Culture Association of the United States, which had headquarters at 1328 Chestnut street, and maintained a school of instruction at Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, for the promotion of silk culture and silk manufacture. Mrs. Harriet A. Lucas was the president of the Association, which had for one of its strongest supporters the Hon. John W. Forney. The chairman of the Instruction Committee was Mrs. John F. Unger, who was particularly interested in Miss Forney and immediately placed her as instructor at Memorial Hall in charge of classes working in connection with the permanent exhibit there. Here she threw her whole spirit into the effort to advance silk culture. Her classes were taken through all stages of the new industry—cocoons, reeling processes, raw silk, finished fabrics—in fact, all branches of silk culture, with a view of introducing it into households as a branch of domestic industry. In the winter of that year, 1881, she resigned her position as teacher of the silk classes and assumed charge of the restaurant operated by her brother John at the St. James Hotel, which she managed several months, but relinquished same on her marriage by the Rev. Dr. John P. Stein to Howard O. Folker in 1882. To him she proved a faithful, loving and Christian wife. As a mother, her devotion was of the highest order. In the exercise of these duties she found her joy and in domestic toil her rest. She was never idle. Entirely unselfish, her effort and energy were cheerfully put forth always for the sake of her family. She was Queen of her home.

After her daughters married and went to homes of their own, there came a period when her physical condition was a cause for apprehension, which continued for several weeks, but at no time was she bedfast. About New Year's Day of 1910 her friends were encouraged to believe she would entirely recover; but how futile their hopes. On January 4 a change was seen; her appearance was of one longing for rest. She retired early and dropped in slumber. Awakening about 1.30 the following morning she suffered paralysis from cerebral hemorrhage and a few minutes after lapsed into a comatose state. For four hours the ebb of life went on. Loved ones wept. By the light of early dawn the angels came—and carried her away. Her last intelligible words were "cover me." We have covered her with our tears, with God's fairest flowers, and covered her with her native soil in the beautiful Lebanon Valley, near to the old homestead she loved so well.

The pangs of grief which her death occasioned are too acute to permit any summary of her life without feeling that love may bias our estimate of her. And the river of memory rushing along will overflow its banks.

Her singularly useful life, and her unequaled sweetness and simplicity of personal character, created a wide circle of devoted friends. For a period of 28 years the closest was aided by her effort and was honored by her confidence, which constrains him to say that if she had a fault her husband never knew it. All have led better lives for having known her, and the world is poorer for her loss.

"GOOD NIGHT! NOT GOOD BY."

I saw my lady die;
And he, who ofttimes cruel is, dark Death,
Was so deep sorrowful to stay her breath,
He came, all clemency.

He would not let her know;
So well he loved the bright soul he must take
That for our grieving and her own fair sake
He hid his shaft and bow.

Upon her lips he laid
That "Kiss of God" which kills but does not harm:
With tender message, breathing no alarm,
He said, "Be unafraid!"

Sorrow grew almost glad,
Pain half forgiven, parting well nigh kind,
To mark how placidly my lady's mind
Consented. Ready clad

In robes of unseen light
Her willing soul spread wing; and, while she passed,
"Darling! Good-by!" We moaned—but she, at last,
Murmured, "No, but good-night!"

Good-night, then, sweetheart! Wife!
If this world be the dark time and its morrow
Day dawn of Paradise, dispelling sorrow,
Lighting our starless life,

Good-night and not good-by!
Good-night; and best "Good morrow!" if we wake;
Yet why so quickly tired? Well, we must make
Haste to be done, and die!

For dying has grown dear
Now you are dead, who turned all things to grace:
We see Death made pale slumber on your face—
Good night! But is dawn near?

Flowers rich of scent and hue
We laid upon your sleeping place. And these
Flowers of fond verse, which once had gift to please—
Being your own—take too.

Howard O. Folker.

With pardonable license we extract the following from the Davis-Ely History of Bucks County:

"HOWARD OLIVER FOLKER was born at Davisville, Bucks County, Pa., March 15, 1857, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Wilson) Folker. David Folker, the father, was born in Buckingham, Bucks County, July 17, 1826, and was a son of James (died September 19, 1855) and Mary (born Herlinger 1793, died August 19, 1872) Folker. His parents were both natives of Buckingham, his mother being a daughter of Captain Mathew Herlinger, who married the widow Else, whose husband died at sea on the voyage to America. Mary Herlinger had a sister Ellen, who married a Meredith of Lebanon County and whose daughter Mary Ann (born November 18, 1813; died September 15, 1864) married Abraham Raiguel Harper (born October 15, 1813; died November 26, 1871), who was long connected with the old dry goods house of James, Kent, Santee & Co., at Third and New streets, Philadelphia.

"David Folker learned the saddlery and harness-making trade with Joseph Norris at Newtown, and which trade he followed at Davisville, Bucks County, for many years, having there a large establishment, employing a number of hands. During the Civil War he was an uncompromising friend of the Union, and stood shoulder to shoulder with the loyal and earnest men of that section in measures tending to the support of the Government and the prosecution of the War. Being a sufferer from chronic dyspepsia, he was unable to personally take the field. He was an industrious and exemplary citizen, who had the respect of all who knew him. He died February 23, 1892. He married Elizabeth Wilson; born September 4, 1826, died November 11, 1882. She was a daughter of Ezekiel Wilson, who was born July 11, 1780, and died April 28, 1854. He (Ezekiel Wilson) was a private in Captain William Purdy's company in the War of 1812-14, serving at Camp Dupont, Marcus Hook, under Colonel Thomas Humphrey. His wife was Elizabeth Dungan (born May 31, 1794; died August 17, 1850) the youngest daughter of Lieutenant (Revolutionary War) John and Mary (Hyle) Dungan and great-granddaughter of the Rev. Thomas Dungan, who came to America from London in 1637 an infant in arms and who died in 1688 at Cold Spring, Bucks County, where he had established the first Baptist church in Pennsylvania. The children of David and Eliza-

beth (Wilson) Folker were: Mary, died in infancy; Charles White, now State Game Warden, Camden, N. J.; Howard Oliver, and Horace Conard (deceased).

"Howard O. Folker was educated in the common schools and at the First State Normal School at Millersville, Pa. He taught school for a short time, and in 1873, during the Cuban imbroglio, entered the United States Navy and assisted in returning to the United States the filibustering steamer Virginius, after the massacre of American citizens at Santiago. A year later he was transferred to the Mediterranean squadron and visited all the different countries of Europe, as well as those of Asia and Africa. One of the pleasant incidents being a sidetrip on horseback in the Holy Land from Joppa to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. In 1877, under the new naval apprentice system, he was appointed by Commodore Schufeldt a naval schoolmaster and sent to Port Royal, S. C., to take charge of the cadets at the training station there. Two years later he was transferred to the U. S. S. Kearsarge, of Alabama fame, and in her made several cruises in the West Indies and to South American ports, was at the occupation of Shepherd's Island, United States of Columbia, and assisted in the establishment of a coaling station there. He left the Navy in 1881 and shortly thereafter conducted a restaurant at 1628 Market street, which he relinquished and entered the service of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, filling the position of traveling car agent for twelve years. He is at present connected with the Transportation Department as chief car distributer, with offices in the Reading Terminal, Philadelphia. Since leaving the Navy he has taken great interest in veteran associations and has assisted in the formation of a number of these patriotic associations. He was First Sergeant, Company K, Sixth Regiment, N. G. P. He is a past commander of the John A. Dahlgren Garrison, No. 85, Army and Navy Union, and its present Adjutant. He is also an active member of the Farragut Association, U. S. Naval Veterans. He and his family are members of the Christ Reformed Church, Sixteenth and Green streets, Philadelphia. Mr. Folker is a member of the Bucks County Historical Society and has prepared a number of papers for its archives on local and family history. He also contributed several papers to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and the State archives, Harrisburg, as well. He has devoted several years to investigations in reference to his distinguished ancestors the Dungan family, and from his 'Chronicles of the Dungan Family' the brief sketches of some of its prominent members which follow this sketch are derived."

Howard O. and Annie M. (Forney) Folker were the parents of six children:

AMOS FRANKLIN, born March 26, 1883, died April 4, 1883.

LUCY WILSON, born July 3, 1884. A graduate of the Philadelphia Normal School for Girls and teacher in public schools. Married June 10, 1908, by the Rev. Dr. James Crawford to Frank Browers Tourison, son of William G. and Amelia (Christof) Tourison. Mr. Tourison is engaged in the contracting plumbing business and is a Royal Arch Mason. Have two. Thelma

MARIAN HENNING, born October 14, 1885. Graduate of the Philadelphia Normal School for Girls and teacher in the public special schools. Married June 23, 1909, Arthur E., son of Jonathan and Emma Jane (Good) Umholtz. Have two. Alma Maria

ALMA FORNEY, born October 12, 1887; who married March 10, 1907, Harry F., son of D. M. and Sarah B. Beck and grandson of Henry J. and Lydia (Walmer) Forney, of Harrisburg, and mentioned at length elsewhere. Mrs. Alma F. Beck is a member of the Harrisburg Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, on the records of four ancestors whose revolutionary services are recounted elsewhere in this volume. Harry F. Beck

JUDSON LABARRE, born December 26, 1888. Graduate of the Northeast Manual Training High School, ~~and makes his home with his father.~~

IRENE STEIN, born July 21, 1890, died March 11, 1891.

Arthur E. Umholtz, who married the second daughter of Howard O. Folker, was born November 20, 1885, and is descended from a representative family of the Lykens Valley. His ancestor, Henry Umholtz, with a younger brother came to this country from Switzerland prior to the Revolution and located in what is now Lykens township, Dauphin County, along the base of Short mountain, about two miles from Gratztown, where John Umholtz now resides. Here they took up quite a large tract of land and commenced farming. The brother entered the Army at the outset of the War of the Revolution in Captain William Hendrick's company and fell in the assault on Quebec. Henry was also in service during the war, as appears by the rolls of Captains Hoffman's and Weaver's companies.

Henry Umholtz married about 1760, his first wife, who was a Miss Rouch. Sometime after her death he married Magdalena Seidensticker, daughter of Philip Seidensticker, of Bethel township, now Lebanon County. Mr. Umholtz died at an

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advanced age and with his two wives is buried at Hoffman's Church. He had six children; five sons and one daughter. The eldest son was John, born August 11, 1770. Was a farmer and resided near Berrysburg. He married Catharine Harman and had a large family. Of these, John Jacob was a Major in the Pennsylvania Militia, married Catharine Schoffstall, and father of Joseph and Jacob. Latter married Mary Artz and they were the parents of Jonathan Umholtz, who married Emma Jane, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Reedy) Good. Their son, Arthur Edwin, is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and resides in West Philadelphia. He is a member of Solomon lodge, F. and A. M.

is member of F & A. M and Lodge of Perfection

Phila. Public Industrial Art School and Millersville State Normal School. Has taken work at Teachers' College, Columbia University and the Vocational Teachers' Training Course of Penna. State College. He is Past Master of Chas. M. Howell Lodge #496, F & A. M., also a member of Steelton Lodge #184, I. O. O. F. and of Harrisburg Forest #43, T. C. of L. Married 1913 to Edna Leone John, dau. of Wm E. and Mary Elizabeth (Embody) John. Have dau. Mary Elizabeth John, b. June 8, 1916.

1915 to (1920) date is Director of Manual & Industrial Training, Steelton, Pa, Public Schools.

CHAPTER V.

DAUPHIN COUNTY FORNEYS.

Christian, oldest son of Peter and Catharine Forney, moved about 1800 from Lebanon to Dauphin County. It is said he was married twice: first to Ann Kreider, second to a Forney. He had eight children, Peter, Jacob, Joseph who married Sabina, daughter of Daniel Hoover of Lower Paxton township, and died about 1824; Henry, born 1798; John, born 1801; Christian T., born 1806; Catharine, who married Peter Fisher and had children, Hannah and Harriet, and a daughter, name not given.

HENRY FORNEY, fourth son of Christian and Ann Krider, was born July 24, 1798. He followed farming on a small scale all his life. He died February 13, 1869, on his farm in Hanover township. He married Sarah Cassel (born 1803, died December 27, 1875) daughter of Emanuel and C. Cassel, and their children were:

MICHAEL, born October 15, 1824, married Margaret Crowninshield May 30, 1850, who was born December 9, 1827, and had six children: *Henry James*, born August 25, 1851, went to Texas and has been lost sight of since September, 1876; *Sarah Cecelia*, born December 17, 1852, still living; *William Christian*, born October 13, 1854, deceased; *Michael Peter*, born March 8, 1857, died March 23, 1889; *Margaret Ellen*, born December 24, 1863, died February 5, 1864; *Annie Elizabeth*, born August 28, 1868, died December 6, 1874. Michael, the father, lived many years at Harrisburg and later removed to Ida Grove, Iowa, where he died September 13, 1899;

CATHARINE, who married Jonas Shaner, of Linglestown;

HANNAH, born 1831, died July 29, 1893. Married Jeremiah Wert, who was born in Dauphin County, was a carpenter and farmer. He died July 4, 1872. Their daughter *Sarah J.* was third wife of David M. Smeltzer and had six children:

ELIZA, died young.

WILLIAM, died young.

JOHN C., born July 29, 1839, in West Hanover township, Dauphin County. He received a practical education, and until he arrived of age served as a school teacher. He then located

in Harrisburg and was engaged in a retail shoe business until 1865, and which he then expanded into a wholesale business under the firm name of Forney Brothers & Co. In 1892 he bought the interests of his partners and conducted the establishment alone until death, August 5, 1894. With his brother Henry J. Forney he founded the Harrisburg Shoe Company. He married Caroline, daughter of William L. and Elizabeth (Crall) Crum, and who was born February 1, 1841, and died May 13, 1993. They resided at 1334 Derry street, Harrisburg. Their children were: *Charles M.*, infant, deceased; *Clayton C.; Wilson*, died April 26, 1890, who married Sadie Floyd and had daughter Ruth; *Christian Harvey; Minnie M.*, born May 7, 1872, who married November 12, 1896, John W. Thompson and had no issue; *Laura A.*, born January 31, 1874, who married March 6, 1896, Clarence Sigler and had infant, died.

Clayton Crum Forney, second child of John C. and Caroline, was born May 29, 1864, in Columbus, Ohio, where his parents were temporary residents. He was a mere child when his parents returned to Harrisburg, where he was reared and educated. After graduating from the high school he completed a full course in the Harrisburg Business College. For eight years following he traveled in the interests of the firm of Forney Brothers & Co., and was so engaged until his father became sole owner of the business in 1892, when he entered the office of the house and devoted himself to clerical duties. Following the death of his father in 1894, with his brother Christian Harvey Forney he carried on the business in the interest of the estate until 1900, when the brothers purchased the business, changing the firm name to Forney Brothers. In 1904 they organized as a stock company under the corporate title of Forney Brothers & Co., wholesale and retail boot and shoe dealers, and are yet in the successful management of the same. They are also stockholders in the Harrisburg Shoe Company, founded by their father and uncle. Clayton C. Forney takes an active interest in community affairs and is particularly interested in education, having rendered efficient service as a member of the board of education, representing the Ninth Ward of Harrisburg. He is a member of the Church of God and takes a most active part in its labors, serving at the present time as deacon and for two years past as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, F. & A. M.; Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M.; Harrisburg Council, No. 7, R. & S. M.; Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, K. T., and Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R. He is also a member of Harrisburg Lodge No. 12, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Repub-

lican. Mr. Forney married October 28, 1886, Lydia J. Lyme, daughter of John C. and Mary J. (Strohm) Lyme. Of this union have been born three children: Caroline May, born March 25, 1888; John Wilson, born July 4, 1890, and Charles Edwin, born September 15, 1892.

Christian Harvey, son of John C. and Caroline (Crum) Forney, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., May 1, 1870. He received his education at the public schools of his native place and began active business life by serving as a traveling salesman for Forney Brothers. In 1894 he with his brother Clayton C. began to conduct the shoe business alone. Through energy and upright dealing the firm has come to be known far and near as one of reliability. Mr. Forney is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and in his Church relations believes in the faith as taught by the Church of God. He was united in marriage at Harrisburg, Pa., July 14, 1892, to Ida, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Keim, of Harrisburg. To them has been born Edgar Wilson and Ethel.

SUSAN, eighth child of Henry and Sarah (Cassel) Forney, was born February 17, 1836, in Lower Paxton township, Dauphin County. Married Peter Heilman Miller April 25, 1867, who was a farmer and nursery man. Mrs. Miller died in Juniata County October 13, 1906. They had issue:

Sarah Ellen, born January 23, 1868, in Linglestown, and married William H. Packer, of Penbrook;

Kate Savilla, born September 12, 1869, in Linglestown. Married Joseph L. Schlosser, of Lower Paxton township, Dauphin County, Pa.;

Thomas Peter, born September 7, 1871, died October 20, 1871;

Emma May, born May 16, 1873, in Middletown, Adams County, Pa., died March 3, 1878;

Lydia Minerva, born October 31, 1876, in Middletown, Adams County, and married William H. Meiser, of Snyder County. She died April 1, 1894, in Juniata County, Pa.

SARAH A., fifth daughter of Henry and Sarah (Cassel) Forney, was born February 3, 1844. Married Henry Booser, of Harrisburg, who was born February 9, 1842, and died August 17, 1910. His widow resides in Harrisburg. They had the following children:

Kate Elizabeth, born December 22, 1866, and married January 10, 1889, to Amos E. Enders;

Lydia, born August 5, 1870, died August 2, 1873;

Harry Weaver, born March 25, 1875;

Charles Edgar, born February 14, 1878;

Blaine Athling, born March 29, 1882, died January 5, 1911.

HENRY J., son of Henry and Sarah (Cassel) Forney, born August 10, 1833, in West Hanover township, Dauphin County. He spent his youth at study and at hard labor on his father's farm. After attending the common and select schools of Linglestown and teaching school several terms, he mastered the trade of shoemaker. He soon opened a shoe store at Linglestown and in 1861 removed to Harrisburg, where he purchased the store belonging to Daniel Leedy. Subsequently with his brother Michael and later taking in his brother John C. he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. Later on they conducted a successful jobbing business in the same line of goods. In 1892 he sold his interest in the jobbing trade to his brother John C. Forney, who later sold to his sons C. C. and C. H. Forney, who still conduct the business. Henry J. Forney is a stockholder in the Harrisburg Boot and Shoe Company; a director and treasurer of the Harrisburg Boiler Company, of which he is also a stockholder. He is also a heavy dealer in real estate in Harrisburg. In society matters he is prominently identified, being a past officer in the Odd Fellows' Order, Lamberton Lodge; Order of United American Mechanics, Council No. 35, and of the Mystic Chain of St. John's Castle. Of late years he has not taken so active a part in some of these lodges. Politically he is a Republican and represented the Ninth Ward in Harrisburg for a number of years as member of Common and Select Councils. He has served as member of the Borough Council of Penbrook for seven years. He with his family are members of the Church of God, he having united in 1891, serving as deacon and elder for many years. In 1877 he moved to Penbrook (a suburb of Harrisburg) and connected himself with the church at Progress, of the Dauphin circuit council, composed of deacons and elders of four churches, and also president of the Progress Church Council. For several years he served as a delegate to the East Pennsylvania Eldership and to the General Elderships of the Church of God. He was united in marriage June 20, 1861, at Harrisburg to Lydia, daughter of David and Barbara (Gerberich) Walmer, of Linglestown, Lower Paxton township. Mrs. Forney was born April 19, 1835. By this union five children were born:

Charles M., December 12, 1861, of the firm of Forney & Knouse, in the drug business. He married September 22, 1885, to Anne Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew B. (died) and

Mary E. Machlin Millard, of York County, Pa. Mrs. Forney was born December 28, 1864 near Lewisburg, Pa., and died November 5, 1906, leaving one son, Henry A., born January 31, 1887;

Margaret C., born November 18, 1864, married Martin L. Ludwig, of Penbrook, and they had seven daughters:

Bessie Irene, March 29, 1884;
Margaret Calder, July 26, 1886, died February 6, 1899;
Clara Violet, April 29, 1889, died November 8, 1894;
Ray Beatrice, November 7, 1890;
Ruth Naomi, March 17, 1894, died July 9, 1894;
Infant, March 24, 1897, died;
Ethel Romaine, July 15, 1901.

Sarah B., born December 7, 1866, married at Penbrook, Pa., November 15, 1884, by C. H. Forney, D. D., to D. M. Beck, son of David and Susannah (Whitmoyer) Beck, born October 26, 1860. To them these children were born:

Lydia Alice, born April 1, 1885, and who married March 2, 1905, Charles L. Smith, of Boston, Mass. To them one child, Dorothy, was born.
Harry Forney, born February 14, 1887, married March 10, 1907, to Alma Forney Folker, youngest daughter of Howard O. and Annie M (Forney) Folker, of Philadelphia.
Charles Edward, born August, born August 10, 1891;
Robert Morris, born February 5, 1893, died August 3, 1893, and buried at East Harrisburg (Penbrook) Cemetery.
Martha Irene, born January 11, 1897;
John Christian, born January 12, 1900;
Sarah Adaline, born August 12, 1903.

Mr. D. M. Beck is connected with the Pennsylvania State Library and resides at 1400 Regina street, Harrisburg.

Henry Weisshampel, born October 30, 1868. He was a bright boy and met an early death, August 30, 1883, by a fall from a tree;

Rebecca Irene, born April 2, 1873, married October 4, 1900, Arthur O. Hamilton, of Penbrook, and had three children:

Henry E., Born September 16, 1901;
Anna Bergstresser, September 22, 1905;
Harold Waggoner, December 9, 1907.

Charles M. Forney (previously mentioned) was educated in the schools of Harrisburg, including high schools. He was drawn toward the drug business and studied pharmacy under Dr. M. F. Rayson for three years. He spent two years at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1882. He spent the next two years at Trenton, N. J., where he was manager of C. H. Young's drug store. In June, 1886, he returned to Har-

risburg and purchased the drug business of John B. Foltz, which he conducted until July, 1887, then sold to Dr. C. M. Fager. In October of the same year he formed a partnership with J. H. Knouse and the firm is known as Forney & Knouse, at 426 Market street, where they carry on a large wholesale and retail drug business, having the largest stock in Harrisburg. Politically Mr. Forney is a Republican, and is attendant of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Star of America Commandery, No. 113, K. of M., and Capital City Council, No. 327, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Christian T. Forney.

CHRISTIAN T. FORNEY, son of Christian and Ann (Kreider) Forney, was born September 12, 1806, in what is now South Annville township, Lebanon County. At the age of twelve years he removed with his parents to a farm in West Hanover township, Dauphin County, Pa. He was educated in the subscription schools of the day. In early manhood he learned the trade of a miller, which he followed for several years. With the decline of milling he abandoned his trade and learned that of a blacksmith, at which he worked until his purchase in 1838 of a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, three miles east of Linglestown, on which the old Forney school house (now replaced by a modern structure) was built. The farm is now owned by Daniel F. Fackler, who married a granddaughter of Christian T. Forney. Latter was the owner of other small tracts of land in the township. He was a member of the first school board under the "free school" act and in politics was an old-line Whig. At the time of his death he was a candidate for Associate Judge of Dauphin County, but died before the election took place. He early became a member of the First Church of God at Linglestown, in which for thirty years he served as elder. He was a local preacher and filled the pulpits of his church in the absence of the regular minister, delivered funeral sermons and in all possible ways contributed his time and talents to the cause he loved. He was an earnest friend of education and gave from his farm four acres containing a fine grove in which was erected the Forney schoolhouse. This land was given on the condition that he should be allowed to hold religious services in the building, which condition was granted, and there religious services were held, there being no church nearer than Linglestown. He was instrumental in the erection of Bethel at Linglestown and there

he worshiped until his death. Christian T. Forney married, first, Barbara Strohm, a native of West Hanover township. The following children were born to them:

EMANUEL, born August 15, 1824, died November 27, 1848;

MARY ANN, born April 15, 1833, died July 23, 1881. She married Jonathan Fox, born August 29, 1827, and who died July 18, 1888. Mrs. and Mr. Fox are interred in Linglestown. Their children were *George W.* and *Mary F.* Latter married Daniel T. Fackler and they occupied and owned the old homestead;

MOLLY, born November 20, 1834, who married Samuel Grove in 1857. He was born December 23, 1828, and died October 14, 1896. Their children were nine in number, among them being *John E.*, *Christian*, *Willis*, *Ellen*, *Kate* and *Anna*. The parents are buried at Linglestown,—the mother dying February 4, 1900;

CATHARINE, died in infancy; born November 10, 1836;

CHRISTIAN HENRY, referred to hereafter;

LYDIA A., born February 15, 1841, resides with her brother, Dr. C. H., and is a woman of fine intellectual ability. She was educated in the public schools and at Harrisburg Academy, and was an instructor in the country schools. She perfected herself in the art of music and for several years was a teacher of the piano. She is deeply interested in church and religious work and connected officially with the women's work of the church. She is president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Eldership of the Church of God and president of the board of directors of the Woman's General Missionary Society of the General Eldership of the United States. She is editor of a children's church paper, "The Sunbeam," and of the Sunday school primary quarterly. She is the teacher of a very large Bible class in the Bethel on Fourth street and was for years a member of the church choir. She was formerly organist of the church, and also when in Lancaster of the Church of God in that city;

JONATHAN, died in childhood, born January 11, 1843.

The mother of these children just named, Barbara Strohm Forney, died at the early age of thirty-five.

On being left a widower, Christian T. Forney married Catharine, daughter of John Bashore, of Harrisburg, and whose ancestor John Beoshore was a brewer in Germany and came to this country and settled in what is now Lebanon County. Children:

JOHN B., of Penbrook, born August 30, 1848, died December 18, 1907;

SARAH JANE, born May 20, 1850. Died in infancy

SUSANNAH, died in infancy, born January 2, 1852;

ALMIRA, born January 28, 1853, died September 12, 1867;

HARRIET ELIZABETH, now living in Kansas, born July 16, 1855;

EMMA S., wife of John Pendcove, of Penbrook, born November 23, 1857;

WILLIAM W., born May 29, 1860, died April 13, 1900.

Christian T. Forney died March 26, 1860, after a well spent life of fifty-four years and is buried in the yard opposite the church he was instrumental in founding at Linglestown. The executors under his will were sons-in-law, Jonathan Fox and Samuel Grove. After the death of her husband Mrs. Catharine Forney moved to Kansas, where she made her home with her daughter Elizabeth until her death.

JOHN AND ELIZABETH (STROHM) FORNEY.

JOHN FORNEY, fifth son of Christian and Ann Kreider Forney, was born May 28, 1801, in South Annville township, Lebanon County. He was raised on a farm near Gingrich's Church but before reaching the age of maturity removed with his parents to Dauphin County. John married August 16, 1825, to Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Strohm, according to a Bible record, but according to Rev. Van Hoff's Bindnagle Church record he united "John Forney and Elizabeth Strohm of West Hanover, Dauphin County, in marriage August 4, 1825." The fruits of this union were eight children:

REBECCA, born June 25, 1827, married Benjamin Lingle, a widower, who was born May 23, 1811, and died March 9, 1872. He was a weaver and later in life a successful farmer. Rebecca bore him six children and died in 1908;

JOHN W., born September 8, 1829, married Mary Ney and had no children. He was killed in the War for the Union. His original entry in service was as a private in Company "F," three months' men recruited at Lykens, April 26, 1861;

JACOB, born July 22, 1831, died single while yet a young man;

ELIZABETH, born October 7, 1832, married Peter Gingrich, moved to Ohio and is now deceased;

CAROLINE, born November 23, 1834, married December 8, 1853, to Jacob F. Miller, born in West Hanover township, December 14, 1834, son of Jacob and Sarah (Fackler) Miller. Mrs. Miller bore five children and died in 1902;

THOMAS, born May 1, 1836, married Caroline Early and moved to Texas where he died several years ago;

JEREMIAH CHRISTIAN, born April 11, 1840. He married May 27, 1862, Sarah S., daughter of Isaac and Kate (Fritch) Marburger, of Schuylkill County, Pa. She was born August 3, 1839. They had issue:

George W., born February 24, 1863, married Mary Jane Farling and had Irvine and Mary E. Latter born June 7, 1866, married Charles Simon and had one child—deceased Mr. Simon is also deceased;

Kate S., born March 1, 1868, married first James Harding and had two children; second John N. Straub and had two children;

Emma R., born February 27, 1870, married Wesley B. McCrea. Had one child—deceased.

Christie M., born August 7, 1872, married James M. Dare and had eleven children;

John Jacob, infant, died;

Clinton J., born March 21, 1876, married Tersa Weller and had three children;

Annie C., born July 16, 1879, married John L. Shader and had two sons.

JOSIAH, born October 9, 1841.

Jeremiah, the father of the above eight children, was an industrious and upright citizen and a hard working man. He died November 1, 1909, of blood poisoning, and is interred at Wenrich's Church Yard, one mile east of Linglestown. It is said that when he was told that amputation of his arm might save his life he replied, "If I must die, I'll die with my arm on me." His widow, still active and cheerful, makes her home with one of her daughters in Harrisburg, Pa.

John Forney, the father of Jeremiah C., died June 5, 1852. The mother, Elizabeth Strohm, following her husband December 21, 1880, and both are buried in Church of God cemetery, west end of Linglestown, Dauphin County, Pa.

Christian Henry Forney.

CHRISTIAN HENRY FORNEY, the fourth child and eldest son of Christian T. and Barbara (Strohm) Forney, of Harrisburg, is a leading divine of the Church of God and editor of the "Church Advocate," the chief newspaper of that denomination in the United States. Was born October 17, 1839, in West Hanover township, Dauphin County, Pa. He was educated in the public schools, first attending the old Forney school until the age of 14 and then the Miller and Churchville schools, passing thence to St. Thomas's Academy at Linglestown, where he spent three years. For two terms he attended the Millersville State Normal School and in 1859 entered Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, taking the theological course. During the years he was acquiring his education Mr. Forney taught in the county schools of Dauphin County; two terms in the old Forney school, one in the Lower Paxton school at Progress and one in Hopewell township, Seneca County, Ohio.

In 1860 Mr. Forney, having completed successfully his theological studies, passed an examination satisfactory to the ruling powers of his Church, was ordained a minister of the gospel according to the rites of the Church of God and has ever since devoted his time and talents to the work of his calling. Whether in pulpit, the forum or the columns of the paper, he has earnestly contended for the faith "which once delivered to the saints." From 1860 to 1870 his work in the pulpit was continuous. His first charge was at Mount Joy, Lancaster County, where he remained three years, going thence to Chambersburg, Franklin County, where he spent another three years. He was two years at Fourth Street Bethel, Harrisburg, and two years at Lancaster City, Pa. On April, 1866, he was elected assistant editor and in 1870 editor-in-chief of "The Church Advocate," the special organ of the Church of God, which he has ably edited to the present time. In 1868 he was chaplain of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania and has been five times president of the Pennsylvania Eldership and twice president of the General Eldership of the Church of God. In 1881 Hillsdale College, Michigan, conferred upon him the title of Doctor of Divinity, and recently Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, honored him with that of Doctor of Laws.

Doctor Forney is the author of several standard theological works treating of the doctrines of the Church. The official Central Publishing House and Bookrooms of the General Eldership of the Church of God in the United States are situated at 320 Market street, Harrisburg. Of this corporation

Doctor Forney is president and treasurer. They publish the "Church Advocate," Sabbath school weeklies and quarterlies, religious books and also carry on a general retail book business of a high order.

Naturally interested in education, he early took up the question of an institution of learning for the Churches of God. While pastor at Mount Joy he was a member of the faculty of the Mount Joy Academy and with Principal Moore matured a plan whereby the Eastern Pennsylvania Eldership might become the proprietor of the said institution. In the fall of 1861 he presented the matter to the Eldership and secured its endorsement. However, because of lack of interest in the matter by the churches, no doubt due to momentous National matters at that time, the project was finally abandoned. In 1866 he advocated the purchase of Centralia College, Kansas, and the raising of $60,000 to build a college in the central part of the General Eldership territory. These plans also miscarried for the same reason. Matters then lay dormant, save agitation of the subject in the "Advocate" until 1880, when by a series of editorials the feasibility of establishing a college was so strongly presented by him that sentiment of a pronounced character was developed. He called a convention in the spring of 1881, just prior to the meeting of the General Eldership, composed of delegates to the meeting of said body and prominent ministers and laymen. Over this convention he presided when strong resolutions were adopted favoring the building of a college. At the sessions of the General Eldership in the latter part of May, 1881, at Findlay, Ohio, he prepared and presented the report of the committee on education, of which he was chairman, which pledged said body to proceed forthwith to establish a college. Elected on the executive board of the General Eldership, he drafted the articles of incorporation and they were adopted at a meeting of said board at Findlay, Ohio, in the winter of 1881-82, thus creating the corporation known as Findlay College. The first board of trustees was also named, which at once proceeded with its work, and erected a splendid college building in the city of Findlay, Ohio, and a first-class college has been in full operation for the past 25 years. He delivered the dedicatory oration of the college building. Was elected the first president of the college by the board of trustees, but declined the office, preferring to remain in the editorial chair. He was again tendered the presidency in 1893, but declined. Was elected a trustee at different times, but never accepted the position because of the deep interest he had in the establishment of a printing and publishing house and book store of the church, which was so auspiciously begun

under his presidency in 1885 in the city of Harrisburg and of whose board of directors he has been president since that time.

When a young man Doctor Forney became an earnest advocate of the cause of abolition and of the doctrines of the Republican party. His first and only political speech was made in Wooster, Ohio, in advocacy of the re-election of Abraham Lincoln, during the latter's second Presidential campaign.

JOHN FORNEY, OF DAUPHIN COUNTY.

One of the earliest settlers of what is now Mifflin township, Dauphin County, was JOHN FORNEY, who died at an early age and whose widow married Benjamin Reigle. He had one brother, Simon, a farmer of Hummelstown, and who died in 1869, and four sisters: Leah Jane, wife of Isaac Weitzel, Upper Paxton township; Sarah Ellen, wife of John Bonawitz, Elizabethville; Caroline, wife of Isaac Row, Washington township, and Eliza Ann, unmarried.

JOHN FORNEY, son of above John, miller of Washington township, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin County, Pa., March 30, 1822. He attended school, worked at home and lived out among the farmers and thus passed his youth. He later drove a huckster team for his stepfather, Benjamin Reigle, and at the age of sixteen years drove team to Pottsville. He was married in Mifflin township December 30, 1844, to Miss Susan Lenker, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Hoy) Lenker. After marriage he lived for one year with his stepfather and then bought twenty and a half acres of land near Berrysburg and was engaged in gardening for three years; after which he sold the place and took up his residence in one of the houses of his stepfather, in which he remained three years. He next farmed the place of William Lenker two years and then bought a farm of one hundred and nine acres in Upper Paxton township and lived there for thirty years. Mr. Forney owned seven farms, on all of which there are good buildings and first-class improvements, containing altogether four hundred and sixty-eight acres. In February, 1886, he bought the mill property of Mr. Falkenmeyer and afterwards operated the mill in connection with farming. He had the following children:

George W., married to Susan Lenker, and farms in Upper Paxton township.

William H., first married Lizzie Whitcomb, of Centre County, Pa., and secondly married Lizzie Lenker. He died May 5, 1897;

Kate, married Joseph Matter and resides in Washington township;

Sarah, married Harry W. Keefer, resides in Elizabethville;

Daniel Peter, laborer in Upper Paxton township;

John L., farmer, married to Annie Bohner and resides in Upper Paxton township;

Jacob E., married Bertha Enders, farmer in same township;

Lizzie Alice, married Carson Kromer, Millersburg, Pa.;

Carrie Agnes, married M. D. Bonawitz, head miller for Mr. Forney.

In his political views Mr. Forney was a Republican, and took an active part in the interests of his party. In Upper Paxton township he served as supervisor, tax collector and constable. He was an active and faithful member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Forney departed this life early part of the year 1899.

Jacob H. Forney, Dauphin County.

JACOB H. FORNEY, stone mason and farmer, was born near Killinger P. O., Upper Paxton township, Dauphin County, Pa., October 3, 1851; son of George and Rebecca (Sultzbach) Forney. His grandfather, Jacob Forney, son of Christian and brother of Christian T., had a family of nine children: Christian, Sally, Susanna, Polly, John, *George*, Peggy, Catharine and Amanda.

George Forney, father of Jacob H., was born February 16, 1828, and died February 1, 1868. His wife, Rebecca Sultzbach, was born April 14, 1827, and died March 21, 1883. They had children:

JACOB H., mentioned hereafter;

MARY J., born March 7, 1856, wife of Alfred Seiler, has three children.

AMANDA ALICE, born November 18, 1865, died November 17, 1890; first married to Charles Stroup, who died, afterwards to Charles Diebler, and they had three children.

JACOB H. FORNEY was educated in the common schools

of his township, which he attended part of each year until he was eighteen. At the age of nineteen he learned the trade of stone masonry with William Seal, Upper Paxton township. After serving him three years Mr. Seal retained Jacob as a journeyman for ten years, being a compliment to latter's proficiency. At the end of that time he engaged in business on his own account for some time. He was also for a while in the employ of Isaac Maris, a contractor. The excellence of Mr. Forney's work is visible in a number of public structures on which he was engaged as a mason. Among these may be named the following: The bridges at Rockville, Susquehanna township; at Harrisburg, and across Pine Creek, near Gratz; Diebler's bridge, in upper Paxton township, and Bechtel's bridge, in Washington township.

The workmanship of Mr. Forney is prominent also in important private buildings, especially the masonry in the foundations of large barns. He also constructed the Catholic church at Williamstown, the church at Lykens and the schoolhouse at Uniontown.

In 1834, finding it desirable to change his occupation, Mr. Forney laid down the stone hammer and trowel and began farming the Paul place in Upper Paxton township, where he remained two years. This experiment in agriculture proving successful, he concluded to buy a farm, and in 1886 he bought ninety-eight acres of land, which he brought to a high degree of excellence, and made a homestead, which was one of the most attractive farms of that region.

Jacob H. Forney was first married March 20, 1876, to Sallie, a daughter of William J. and Elizabeth Weaver. They had five children, of whom two are deceased: MINNIE, born July 2, 1878, died at the age of three years, and an infant. The surviving children are:

ANNA NORA, born October 18, 1876;

SALLIE M. and MARIE, twins, born June 5, 1885. They are so alike in appearance that the parents often fail to distinguish them.

Mrs. Sallie (Weaver) Forney died June 17, 1885, twelve days after the birth of the twins. Mr. Forney was again married March 20, 1886, to Lisle eldest daughter of Andrew and Lydia (Schreffler) Woland Mr. Forney is a Republican. The family attend the Reformed Church.

Michael Forney, Dauphin County.

MICHAEL FORNEY, of Dauphin County, was born in 1809. He was a grist miller by trade, living in Jackson and in Washington townships, and operated mills at Enders, Rife, Loyalton and near Halifax. He married, first, Sarah (born 1815), daughter of Jacob Hoffman, of Williams township. Latter was born in 1782 and had for wife Catharine Ferree, latter descended from Isaac Ferree, the founder of Lykens, and who came from Lancaster County, whose father was a French emigre, settling there in 1708, under a grant of land by William Penn. Mrs. Sarah Forney died in 1846, there having been born to her five children:

William, married and had a large family. He was a Civil War veteran and died near Hughesville, Pa.;

Hiram, never married and now deceased;

Jacob, born 1844, died 1906. Married Clara A. Sausser and had three children, one died in infancy, *Charles E.*, now living in Elizabethville and *Annie M.*, wife of H. M. Bonawitz, residing at Chester, Pa., and with latter Mrs. Clara Forney makes her home. Her husband was a soldier in the Rebellion;

John, married, now deceased.

Sarah, married George Gray, who died in 1911. They resided in Millersburg, Pa. Children, all living, are: *John*, *William*, *George* and *Maggie L.*, wife of R. O. Novinger.

Michael Forney married again to Miss Susan Lenker, and this union was blessed with five children also:

Levi, married, lived in Ohio, now deceased;

Ellen, married Harry A. Snyder, has six children and resides near Dietrich, Pa.;

Monroe, married and lives in Canton, Ohio;

Amanda, now living with her sister, Ellen, at Dietrich;

Charles, who went West and all trace of him lost. It is supposed he was killed by Indians.

Mr. Michael Forney died August 2, 1881, and is interred at Fetterhoff's church, near Fisherville, Pa.

Francis Forney, Middletown.

Francis Forney, of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pa., who died in early part of 1826, was father of JACOB FORNEY, who was born February 20, 1794, and who died September 30,

1852. Latter married Hannah Bollinger, who was born December 17, 1797, and died April 13, 1877. Both are interred at Gravel Hill Church burying ground. They had these children:

CHRISTIAN, who married Barbara Gibbons;

HANNAH, married Jacob Fishburn. She was a large woman, weighing over three hundred pounds. Both are buried at Hummelstown;

CATHARINE, married Marcus Hopkins. One son, *Jacob*, now resides at 226 Boas street, Harrisburg;

MARY, single;

ELIZABETH, married Herman Gerberich and had *Frank* and *George*, latter a preacher;

NANCY, single, lived at Egg Harbor, N. J.;

POLLY, single, buried at Hummelstown;

FRANK, married Catharine Hummel and lived and died at Middletown. Had son *William*, who was married twice, lived in Philadelphia, died at the age of 62 and is interred at Middletown. He had sons Edward and John who reside at Harrisburg, and daughter Blanche Arrison, of Philadelphia. *Ellen McGill*, died aged 27; *Francis*, *John* and *Sarah*, died young; *Mary Hendrickson*, of Middletown; *Annie Treichler*, died aged 48; *Elizabeth Lynch*, of Greenville, N. J.; *Hannah Houser*, of Middletown.

CHRISTIAN FORNEY, son of Jacob and Hannah, was born April 11, 1820, was a shoemaker by occupation and lived at Middletown. He died April 23, 1896, and is interred in Hummelstown cemetery. He married Barbara Gibbons, who was born February 20, 1821, and died February 9, 1905. She was noted for her herculean strength and was physically the equal of two ordinary men. Her remains repose beside her husband. They were the parents of the following children:

Jacob G., born October 21, 1849, married Anna Stockhov. He died at Washington, D. C., February 15, 1897;

Samuel B., born April 11, 1851, died March 27, 1857;

Henry Books, born March 7, 1856. Married Elizabeth Hardy, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth. Have no children and now living at Hummelstown. Mr. Forney holds a position with the Brownstone Company at Waltonville. His favorite diversion is the care and raising of fancy poultry and which by methods of his own he has made fairly profitable. A close record of the product of each chicken is kept and any hen failing to lay weekly the number of eggs fixed upon as his

standard of a paying basis at once "gets it in the neck." Every hen bears a numbered tag on one of its legs and when entering a box-nest is automatically locked in until its efforts to leave same rings a bell in the house some distance away. This is effected by a unique mechanical arrangement of batteries and wires and is a signal to release the hen after registering on a card above the nest her number and the date. In this way the productive hens get their credits and the sterile poultry become victims of the axe;

Barbara Etter, born November 7, 1858, married John H. Boltz, and lives at Lebanon, Pa.;

Christian, born December 20, 1862, died infant.

CHAPTER VI.

THE LANCASTER COUNTY FORNEYS.

The first of the name of Forney to become a permanent settler in what is now Lancaster County was Peter, of whose arrival in America we have no record. Under a warrant of January 19, 1733, survey of April 10, same year, he had a patent for 280 acres of land granted him by Thomas Penn, March 21, 1738-9, on Cocalico Creek, adjoining tracts of the proprietors and lands of George Wolf, Frederick Becker and John Smith. Latter's land adjoined that of Henry Carpenter, whose progeny intermarried with the descendants of Peter Forney. In 1741 latter acquired by warrant 100 additional acres from the Penns.

PETER married Anna, daughter of his neighbor John Smith, who died March, 1753.

His brother and two sisters followed him from Europe to Lancaster County; CHRISTIAN, born 1707, who married Elizabeth ———, was a farmer of Warwick township and died there August, 1757, leaving real and personal estate to his widow. His will mentions no children and is signed "Christian Forni"; CATHARINE who was born 1705; ANN ELIZA, born 1711 and died unmarried 1746. These three arrived from Rotterdam September 23, 1734, in ship Hope. Peter became a large landowner, and died in 1747. Executors were brother Christian and son-in-law Christian Oblinger. He is interred on the old homestead burying ground at W. Earl.

Peter and Ann (Smith) Forney left two sons, ABRAHAM and PETER, and four daughters: BARBARA, who married Christion Oblinger; ANNA, who married Jacob Kern, of Reading; MARY, married Jacob Carpenter, and SUSANNAH, married Dr. Henry Carpenter, of Earlville.

ABRAHAM, eldest son of Peter and Ann, married Elizabeth ———, and died autumn of 1784. (See page 69.)

PETER, the second son of Peter and Ann, married Barbara Erb. In 1745-6, just prior to his father's death, he purchased of Jacob Bare 137 acres of land in Manheim township, paying quit-rent to Sebastian Graffe. This farm he later disposed of, but on December 21, 1752, five years after his father's death, he bought from his brother Abraham 177 acres along Cocalico

Creek in Earl township, and which land was part of the tract patented March 14, 1738, to his father by Thomas Penn. Here he lived till about 1790, for in the closing decade of the eighteenth century he removed to Dauphin County. On June 8th, 1795, he purchased of Rev. Anthony Houtz for £455 a lot at Chestnut street and Raspberry alley, borough of Harrisburg. His second son Jacob had preceded him to Dauphin County, and from him the father Peter bought April 15, 1797, a property located at Front street and River alley, and which was sold by Peter's executors April 1, 1802, to George Hoyer. In his will, dated March 19, 1798, he named his son John and son-in-law Philip Horning as executors. Peter and Barbara (Erb) Forney had ten children, all born in Lancaster County:

Christian, served throughout the Revolution in Colonel Carpenter's battalion.

Jacob, married in 1787 to Susan, daughter of Christian Carpenter, who was sheriff of Lancaster County. Her father kept the first general store in Earl township and was a prominent figure in Colonial affairs. She died in 1828. Her husband was born and married in Lancaster County and preceded his father to Harrisburg, where he kept a public house, being described in the court records of April 15, 1797, as "Innkeeper." They had two children, Peter and Jacob, mentioned at length elsewhere, and who married the Wein sisters, Margaret and Christianna; (See pp. 78, 86.)

John, one of the executors of his father's estate, married in Lancaster County. John had distinguished service in the Revolution, attached to Captain Kempline's company, known as "Rangers of the Frontiers," doing duty mainly in Northumberland County years 1778-1783, where at Fort Freeland July 28, 1779, he was taken prisoner. He lived in Harrisburg, and his descendants are well-known citizens of Mifflin and Upper Paxton townships, Dauphin County;

Peter, born July 15, 1753, single. He was a soldier in Captain Emanuel Carpenter's company in the Revolution but was sent home from the army broken down by the hardships of the service and died May 2, 1779, at Earlville;

David, died in 1805 at Harrisburg;

Barbara, married Jacob Feder (Fetter), son of Bernhard Feder, deceased, December 1, 1777, at Cocalico (Swamp) Church, Lancaster County, by Rev. John Waldschmidt;

Susannah, married John Bare (Bear) and had three children, Peter, John and Nancy;

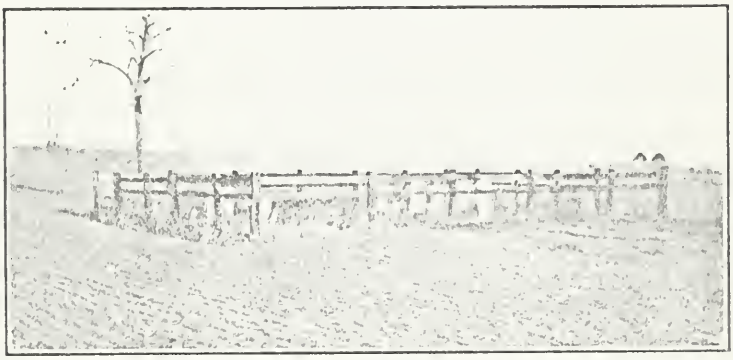
Anna Catharine, married Samuel Bare;

Rebecca, married Philip Horning, of Harrisburg;

Elizabeth.

Abraham Forney, West Earl, Lancaster County.

ABRAHAM, the eldest son of Peter and Ann (Smith) Forney, married Elizabeth ———. He received under his father's will double shares of the estate and in 1754 the other heirs released to him their interests therein. In 1750 he was possessed of 300 acres of land, 177 of which he sold in 1752 to his brother Peter. In 1770 he was returned as owning 150 acres and in 1782 was assessed on 230 acres, 68 of which on the Cocalico Creek he acquired in 1772 of Martin Walliser. About 1765 Abraham built a hotel on the corner of the old homestead, situated on the old Reading road, where a little hamlet grew up about it now known as West Earl. This inn was noted far and wide as "Forney's Tavern" and on sale days and battalion days it was a centre where congregated the



The Forney Burial Ground, W. Earl.

staid citizens of the vicinity as well as the roystering blades of the Cocalico region. It remained in possession of the family till about 1870, when it passed to Jacob L. Erb. One of the family writes, "Of all that line there is not one male member living and but one female survivor, though some of them had large families."

In 1705 Abraham was constable of Earl township and it is recorded of him "having appeared at the regular term of court in November when the roll was called, and afterward absented himself without permission, was fined ten shillings along with twelve other delinquents." He was a soldier of the Revolution and served with his son Abraham in Colonel Jacob Carpenter's battalion of Lancaster County militia. He died at West Earl autumn of 1784 and is interred there in the family yard on the old homestead, but no stone is over his

grave; in fact, none is visible on graves of any of his generation, though all are believed to have sepulchre there. The yard is in the middle of a field enclosed by a strong fence and is periodically cleaned, mainly through the efforts of John K. Forney, now of Kansas;

BARBARA, third child of Peter and Ann (Smith) Forney married Christian Oblinger, a farmer of Earlville;

ANNA, second daughter of Peter and Ann, married Jacob Carne (Kern), a farmer who lived at Reading;

MARY, third daughter of Peter, married Jacob Carpenter, a grandson of the immigrant Henry. Jacob taught the first known school in what is now West Earl. It was kept in his own house for some years standing near the present site of Bolmartown; this was soon after the Revolutionary War;

SUSANNAH, youngest child of Peter, married Dr. Henry Carpenter, a son of the first settler, and also lived at Earlville. From this union there sprung a line of Carpenters, the members of every generation becoming famous not only in medical circles but in civil and military life.

Abraham (son of Peter) of Earlville, wife Elizabeth, had seven children: Peter, Abraham, John, Elizabeth, Samuel, Maria and Salome. The three sons Peter, Abraham and John will be mentioned at length hereafter. ELIZABETH married ——— Quickel and lived and died in Cumberland County. SAMUEL, MARIA and SALOME, the three youngest children, lived at Earlville and died there, all unmarried.

PETER, born about 1755, married Ann ———. He was a large land owner not only in Earl but in Lampeter and Leacock. He served in the Revolution in Captain Hay's company and died in 1835, leaving issue:

PETER, single man and who in 1820 suffered business reverses and assigned his property to brother Emanuel and cousin John Forney for payment of obligations;

EMANUEL, born 1785, was a farmer but subsequently engaged in the milling business. He married a Fasnacht and removed in 1830 to Palmyra, Pa. He had a son *Emanuel*, who resided in South Annville, Lebanon County. The son married Polly Rudy, who was born September 1, 1798, and died August 4, 1875, and is interred at Gingrich's Meeting-house. Emanuel and Polly had one daughter, Lydia, who married William Long, and one son, Adam R., who married Eliza Gingrich, recently deceased. Adam served in the Civil War as a member of the 173rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

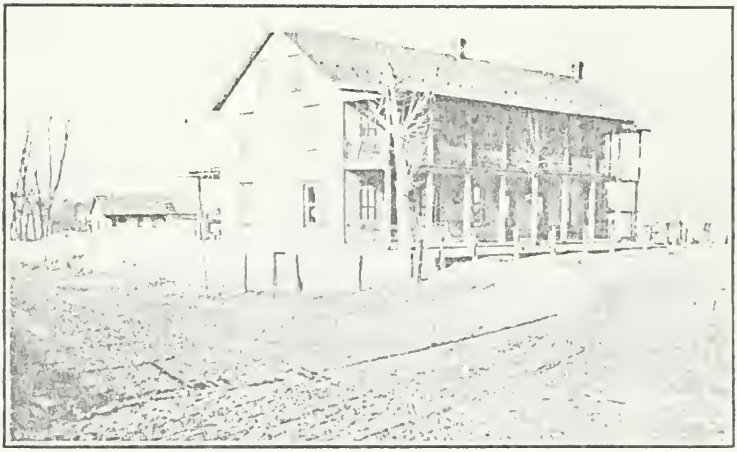
He is a prominent resident of Annville, having for years been engaged in the stone business, and has one child, Annie, wife of D. Albert Kreider, A. M., now of faculty of Yale College. They have no children:

CATHARINE, oldest daughter of Peter and Ann (———), married a Farn, a music teacher, and her sisters HANNAH and SALLIE, both single, lived at Earlville.

ABRAHAM FORNEY, second son of Abraham and Elizabeth, was born in 1758 and served in the Revolution while under age. He married Anna Maria Weidman, who was born February 15, 1760, and died May 25, 1835. Abraham was not only engaged extensively in farming, but he conducted successfully the West Earl Hotel, which his father opened years before. One of his farms he bought May 19, 1802, of Peter Forney. It comprised 120 acres and was located along Pequa Creek in Strasburg and was part of tract Peter bought in 1800 of Isaac Ferree. This farm Abraham sold in 1803 to Christian Byler, of Heidelberg. He died intestate at Schaefferstown in 1821 and his remaining real estate comprising three tracts was: one of 15 acres in Earl township, which his father's executors deeded to him in 1788, one of 50 acres, also in Earl, and one of 21 acres in Warwick, both of which he bought in 1806 from John Kenegy. Abraham's administrators divided the land into two tracts, the one in Warwick was sold April 1, 1822, to Jacob Erb, the other of 22 acres at Earlville, including the hotel, was accepted at appraised value, $4,073.02½ by his eldest son John W. Abraham and Anna Maria had three children:

JOHN W., born October 15, 1784, lived at West Earl, where he conducted the old hotel, and died December 21, 1867. He also engaged in farming, having 73 acres along the Cocalico, which he bought April 1, 1812, from Samuel Carpenter, of Lancaster, and which was part of the Emanuel Carpenter farm during the Revolution. He bought in 1831 of Joel Lightner, guardian of Henry Gundaker, 170 acres of adjoining land along Cocalico Creek for $7,000, which he sold to Jacob Wolf in 1840 at a good profit. Before succeeding his father at the West Earl hostelry and after farming a few years he in 1815 was proprietor with his cousin John L., of the old hotel at Cross Keys, now Intercourse, which in 1818 they sold to Elizabeth Fessler. Latter married George Zound and the hotel was repurchased in 1821 by Mr. Forney, who sold it same year to Daniel Ruter. Soon after the death of John W. Forney in 1867 the ownership of the West Earl hotel passed to Abraham Forney—wife Mary—of Warren County, Va., who in 1873

sold 55 acres with two-story stone and frame tavern, etc., to a resident of West Earl, Jacob L. Erb, and whose heirs in 1888 conveyed the property to Daniel R. Brackbill. On July 17, 1908, the hotel was destroyed by fire, but was immediately replaced by one of frame on the old foundations. It stands on the northwest corner of intersection of Reading and Newport roads. The original barn of stone and some sheds are opposite on northeast corner of cross roads. It is here intimately described, for it should not be confused with the Talmage (Earlville) hotel now kept by Henry F. Harry, but which was at one time but for a short period run by Graybill B. Forney.



FORNEY'S TAVERN (Rebuilt.)

John W. Forney married Barbara, daughter of Christian and Mandy Becker (Baker), who was born in 1786 and died May 2, 1855. Mr. Forney married again to Susannah ———. The issue of first marriage was three children:

William, the only son of John W. Forney, was born October 13, 1796, and died September 14, 1821, and is interred on the family plot at West Earl. He married Catharine, daughter of John and Catharine Greybill, who died in Lebanon in 1883. They had issue: Clementine G., who married Abraham Strickler and had sons William H. and Cyrus F., and Graybill B., and who had a daughter Sarah, wife of William Lentz;

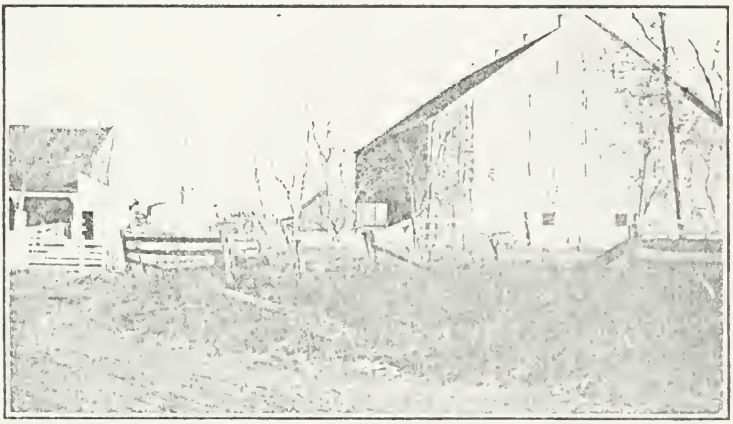
Mary, born November 19 1807, never married and died December 13, 1879. On reaching middle age her father gave

to her for a home the two-story brick house and lot situated adjacent to his hotel, where she ended her days in comfort, enjoying the love and respect of all her neighbors;

Anna, infant, died March 24, 1822.

CATHARINE, second child of Abraham and Anna M. (Weidman) Forney, was born at Earlville July 3, 1791, and died September 3, 1836. She married John L., a cousin and son of John and Elizabeth (Lehman) Forney;

ABRAHAM, third child of Abraham and Anna M. above, was born February 14, 1794, at Schaefferstown and died there February 22, 1831. He married Lydia Levan, who was born in 1803, died 1845;



FORNEY'S TAVERN BARN (Still standing.)

JOHN, third son of Abraham and Elizabeth Forney, was born November 30, 1760, and died October 6, 1823. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Lehman, who was born March 6, 1766, and died June 3, 1847. She was a native of Pequa township. John was in the service of the Colonies, belonging to Captain Patrick Hay's Second Company, Ninth Battalion, Colonel John Rogers. At the close of the war, he being then twenty-three years old, he assisted his father in the management of the famous hotel opened on the Reading road by Abraham in 1767. Subsequently he devoted himself to farming. He had three children, sons JOHN L. and LEVI, and one daughter HANNAH. Latter married William Linton and resided at Halifax, Dauphin County, where she died in 1837. Two children, *Hannah* and *Linton*, were the issue of this

union, but both predeceased the mother and the husband survived her but a few months;

JOHN L., eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Lehman) Forney, was born at Earlville in 1790 and died in 1827. He, like many of the family, entered the hotel business, being proprietor of one in Hempfield township, as well as joint owner with his cousin John W. Forney at Cross Keys. He married latter's sister Catharine, daughter of Abraham and Anna M. (Weidman) Forney, and had one child, *Anna Maria*, who married John S. Bartruff, of Frankford, Hampshire County, Va., and she died in Iowa in 1838;

LEVI, second son of John and Elizabeth (Lehman) Forney, was born at Earlville, October 29, 1799, and died July 14, 1882. He was a foremost citizen of Earl, engaged in farming, but for the last twenty years of his life lived retired in Lititz. He was executor of his father's estate, under whose will he acquired 120 acres of land in Earl and Warwick townships for $2,000, which was to be paid in yearly installments to his sister Hannah, who married William Linton. Levi's father also devised 25 acres comprising the homestead in trust for support of his son John and wife Catharine. At their death it was to be sold and $1,000 of the proceeds to be paid their only child Anna Maria (Bartruff) on attaining her majority. At the sale of the foregoing homestead Levi was the purchaser, and who, excepting the foregoing Anna M., was the only heir, his sister Hannah having died leaving no surviving issue. Levi married first, Lydia Keller, born July 13, 1808, died August 4, 1824, leaving no issue, and is interred in the old graveyard at West Earl. He married second Maria, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Kertz) Roop (Rupp). Her parents were natives of West Earl, where they followed a farming life and were buried in Groffdale, on a part of their old farm, which is now occupied by Abraham R. Forney. Maria was born October 1, 1806, and died January 3, 1855, and is buried with her husband Levi in Erb's cemetery, in Penn township. They were the parents of ten children:

Abraham R., born in West Earl township January 23, 1827. He remained with his parents until 1847, when he rented a farm of 140 acres in West Donegal township, on which he spent thirty-nine years as a renter. In 1878 he purchased the farm from the Heisey estate and he retired from active labor and moved to his late residence near Elizabethtown. He was school director in West Donegal, one of the organizers of the Exchange Bank of Elizabethtown and its vice-president from its organization in 1887 up to his death in 1900. Mr. Forney

was married May 14, 1846, in Earl to Anna Kellar, who was born March 18, 1828, and died September 12, 1901, and to this union were born five children (see page 76.)

Leah, born July 9, 1829, died March 5, 1833;

John R., born November 30, 1831, died December 28, 1872;

Joseph R., born January 5, 1834, married ——— Cochenower, lived at Petersburg, Pa., and died February 19, 1908;

David R., born August 20, 1839, was a farmer in Mount Joy township. At the age of twenty-six he rented land in Penn township for four years, and then operated a farm near White Oak for three years. He took charge of another farm in Penn township and after four years there moved into Lititz for a year. Returning to the country he managed two farms for nine years and then settled down upon his present place, which he purchased. He is of the Republican faith and belongs to the Old Brethren German Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon since 1892. He married August 28, 1862, in Lancaster to Elizabeth R. Bollinger, born June 19, 1841, in Warwick township, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Royer) Bollinger. They had issue:

> Monroe B., who married Emma Stauffer, and lives with his father; Amanda B., wife of Reuben L. Miller, a farmer of Rapho township; Elizabeth B., who married Samuel Sherer, a farmer of Mount Joy township; Mamie B., who wedded Alva K. Young, of Mount Joy township; David B., unmarried, at home; Ella B., at home, and Albert B. and Annie B., both deceased.

Elizabeth, born January 16, 1839, died February 17, 1908, married Abraham Longnecker, a farmer near Lititz;

Martin R., born April 14, 1841, married first a Lane, second Anna Matthews, has daughter Ella. Is a retired farmer, living in Lititz;

Aaron, born February 16, 1844; died February, 1850;

Maria, born October 3, 1846, the wife of Israel Graybill, a farmer of Penn township and a minister of the German Baptist Church;

Levi R., is a successful farmer of Penn township, Lancaster County. He was born in East Cocalico July 14, 1849, and was educated in the common schools. He moved to the farm where he now resides in April, 1850. His father, Levi, died in 1882, and a part of latter's farm became the property of Levi R. In 1892 Mr. Forney married Miss Fannie Wisler, daughter of Levi and Fannie, of Clay township, and to this union two children have been born, one of whom died in infancy, the other, Mary W., was born January 5, 1896. Mr Forney is a member of the old Mennonite Church.

Abraham R., the eldest son of Levi and Maria (Rupp) Forney, had issue:

Salinda, born December 5, 1848. Married John H. Hertzler, of Mount Joy. He is a farmer of Rapho township;

John K., born December 1, 1850, married Anna Hoffman, who was born July 15, 1845. He lives at Abilene, Kans., is president and son E. H., is secretary of the Belle Springs Creamery Company, a large institution. He is keenly interested in family history and to him we are indebted for much important data;

Martin K., born ——, of Elizabethtown, a farmer. He married Anna Hemperly;

Anna Mary, born April 8, 1861, and who died October 30, 1879, while on a visit to her brother John K., in Kansas;

Elizabeth, born June 0, 1865, married Joseph H. Eshleman, cashier of the Exchange Bank of Elizabethtown.

Colonel John W. Forney.

JOHN W. FORNEY, the celebrated journalist and politician, was born at Lancaster September 30, 1817, the only son of Peter and Margaret (Wein) Forney and grandson of Jacob and Susan (Carpenter) Forney and great-grandson of Peter and Barbara (Eby) Forney, of Harrisburg, but formerly of Earl, Lancaster County. He died at Philadelphia December 9, 1881. John W. Forney's grandparents, as already noted were Jacob and Susan Carpenter Forney, who were married in 1787. Susan was a daughter of Christian and Susanna (Herr) Carpenter and died in 1828 and is buried in the old graveyard near Earlville. Under her father's will, recorded November 10, 1800, she received from the executors the sum of one hundred pounds, though he was reputed to have been one of the richest men in the county. Quoting Mrs. Annie Forney Brush,—Jacob Forney, we are told, was not considered a good match for a daughter of the Carpenters. Why, we are not advised, but in an endeavor to learn are furnished a "misty portrait of a gentle, religious, melancholy, rather ineffectual man who had some sisters much more vivid." One of them used to say to their great niece that he was not treated well by his wife's family and always spoke of him as "poor brother Jacob." To quote further, "Jacob Forney lived to be called grandfather (which dignity came early in life in those days when 'they married young') by two or three little children, and then he, in his turn, passed away." Prior to his wife's death in 1828 her two sons, Peter and Jacob, were married and lived in Lancaster. They had gone to town, learned the

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trade of coachmakers and set up business together. Peter, the elder of the two, was in a militia company called "The Phalanx," which marched to the defense of Baltimore in 1812. In the same company was John Wein, son of John Wein, who was a scrivener, and who in 1798 bought the "Indian Queen," one of the famous old taverns of Lancaster, which with some large stone houses adjoining remained in the possession of the family until 1834. Perhaps John Wein introduced Peter Forney to his sister Margaret (born December 7, 1791; died September 14, 1869).

Mr. Peter Forney was married to Miss Margaret Wein on Tuesday, August 24, 1813, by the Rev. Mr. Hoffmier, and soon after Jacob Forney married the younger sister Christine. The mother of these two Wein sisters was Eve Brungnard (Brunkhart), daughter of Martin and Christine, and who was born December, 1760, married John Wein in 1780 and dying in 1803 "in the forty-third year of her age, was justly lamented by all who knew her." While John Wein was said to have been a man of some education, position and property, his two girls were regarded to have made good matches when they got the Forney boys.

Peter Forney and Margaret had but two children: Susan C., born ———, 1814, in Lancaster, never married and died in the city of her birth December 10, 1901, having lived in the same house for forty-six years, which house, 104 South Prince street, her brother purchased in 1855 from Chas. Boughter as a home for his mother Margaret. After latter's death it was purchased by Susan and following her death was sold by her executrix to Catharine M. Kelley. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and led a quiet life. Susan and her mother Margaret are interred in Lancaster cemetery, Lancaster, Pa.

John W., born September 30, 1817, in Lancaster. More than passing notice must be given this distinguished man, who had a remarkable career in politics, public affairs and journalism of the State and country. It is as editor and political leader that his fame will chiefly live, for the three prominent offices he held were mere incidents. At the age of thirteen he was compelled to leave school by the necessity of earning his own living, and was consequently thereafter deprived of even the limited advantages which the country schools of eighty years ago afforded. After spending a short time in a store he entered the office of the Lancaster "Journal," then published by Hugh Maxwell, where he served an apprenticeship as a printer and took his first lessons and made his first essays in newspaper writing. At the age of twenty he purchased the

Lancaster "Intelligencer" and a few years later the "Journal," uniting the two under the name of the "Intelligencer and Journal." Taking an active part in politics and being a ready and fluent speaker, as well as writer, he soon became a recognized leader among the Democracy and his paper one of its most influential organs. In 1845, on the advent of the Polk administration to power, he sold the "Intelligencer" and removed to Philadelphia, having been appointed Deputy Surveyor of the Port, with General John Davis, of Bucks County, as Surveyor. The writer well remembers the Sunday visits Colonel Forney made many years afterward to the hospitable home of General Davis in Davisville, which was then and is now so gracefully presided over by the latter's daughter, Miss Lizzie (deceased 1911). Later in 1845 Colonel Forney became, with A. Boyd Hamilton, one of the proprietors and editor of the "Pennsylvania," the principal Democratic journal of Philadelphia, which Forney soon made a leading authority of the party in the State.

In December of 1849 he was named for Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States but was defeated by a close vote. In 1851 he secured the caucus nomination and was elected in that year and re-elected in 1853, serving until February 4, 1856. In this capacity he presided over the exciting proceedings attending the organization of the Thirty-fourth Congress, which lasted for two months, resulting in the election of N. P. Banks as Speaker. It happened in that Congress that no one party had a majority. The Republicans were the most numerous and the Democrats followed closely, but there was a sufficient number of "Know-nothing" and other loosely-attached members preferring a compromise candidate to prevent either of the principal parties from electing any one without their aid. The Republicans, then a very new party, finding a Democratic Clerk in office, who, by virtue of that office, was the only presiding officer until a Speaker was elected, had many misgivings and fears of undue leaning against them by the Clerk. But they did not measure Colonel Forney rightly. He was thoroughly impartial. For the fairness and ability he displayed on that occasion he was rewarded by a unanimous vote of thanks adopted on motion of Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, one of the most uncompromising Republicans in the House. In 1852 Colonel Forney became a principal editorial writer of the Washington "Union," which was afterwards the acknowledged organ of President Pierce's administration. He withdrew from this position in 1856, also relinquishing his interest in that paper's contract to do the public printing, worth to him $100,000 a year, in order to devote his whole

time and energy to the organization of the Democratic party for the Presidential contest of that year in the interest of James Buchanan, who had recently returned from the English mission and secured the Democratic nomination. The effort to secure for Mr. Buchanan the nomination of a Democratic National Convention for the Presidency had been a spontaneous labor of love with Forney for twelve years. There had been but little chance for success in 1844 or 1848 and the attempt failed again in 1852. But still Colonel Forney worked on without cessation, even when he was in the closest relations with Franklin Pierce, of whose administration he was an ardent champion, and who was a candidate for re-election. He frankly told General Pierce he could not give up his life-long preference, and so he parted from Pierce and the Washington "Union." He came home to meet Mr. Buchanan on his return to Philadelphia, was active in preparing the reception given to Mr. Buchanan by the business and professional men, in which many Whigs were participants, and he gave tone to the public sentiment which proved so successful in securing the nomination of Mr. Buchanan at Cincinnati. The proceedings of the banquet of welcome at the old Merchants' Hotel Colonel Forney spread broadcast over the Union, bringing back echoes from all quarters foreshadowing the result.

Colonel Forney was appointed Chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee, to conduct the campaign, which it was known, would be the pivotal canvass. At that time the election for State officers was held in October, and it was believed that if the Democrats carried the State then Buchanan would be sure of it in November; and if not, the State would go to Fremont. And as the State went so the Union would go. To this campaign Colonel Forney gave every hour of his time, every part of the energy and enthusiasm of his nature, all the influence he had among an almost unparalleled circle of adherents, friends and auxiliaries. No one who did not go through that campaign or participate in it can have an adequate idea of the enormous work required to be performed. All Pennsylvania, and especially the northern line of counties, was ablaze about "Bleeding Kansas." Every one of these latter counties, from Wayne to Warren, had been largely Democratic, but their Democratic majorities had all been swept away. This great loss had to be offset, and to do this was the work of the canvass. The bitterness of that contest has never been equaled since. Under Colonel Forney's marvelous activity the canvass was a success. The Democratic Canal Commissioner (Scott) was elected, and from that time the certainty of the election of Mr. Buchanan in November was

conceded. One of the humorous episodes of Mr. Buchanan's election was the headline in display type, "A Bachelor Elected to the White House and All the Old Maids Tickled to Death," in a prominent Pennsylvania newspaper the day following the announcement of the result. Upon the accession of Mr. Buchanan to the Presidency in March of 1857 it was believed that Forney's signal services in behalf of his chieftain would be recognized by the bestowal upon him of some position of distinction and honor, but this belief was not confirmed by subsequent events. Forney himself desired to be editor of the Washington "Union," but the opposition of the Southern members of Congress, mainly from Virginia and Mississippi, prevented the realization of his wish. In lieu of the "Union" editorship, which at that time was considered equal in dignity and influence to a Cabinet position, Forney was tendered the Liverpool Consulate, with fees said to amount to $25,000 a year; but though advised by his close friends to take this for a while and wait the wearing out of Southern hostility, he declined, and the famous break with Mr. Buchanan was the result. As before stated, the writer was an intimate of General John Davis, who was Colonel Forney's friend and superior when the latter was Assistant Surveyor of the Port at Philadelphia, and heard him a few months prior to the General's death in 1878, being in his ninetieth year, give his knowledge of the facts in connection with Forney's break with Buchanan in which he took a part. "Let me tell you, sir, that John W. Forney has never had justice done him as regards his differences with Mr. Buchanan. It was told that Forney was ambitious, disappointed, jealous. Let me tell you, sir, I of all other men know all about it, and it was not true, not one single word of it, and it should be told now. Forney, sir, always had it in his power to prove the falsity of these charges and he ought to have done it long ago, but he preferred to keep still. Now, if you would like to hear the real reason that separated them, I will tell you. As one of Buchanan's old friends, the incoming President sent for me to come on to Wheatland and have an interview with him. While in Philadelphia on my way there, as luck would have it, I met Colonel Forney and he and I naturally fell into conversation in reference to the personnel and policy which would be pursued, and from that drifted, as we were intimate, as to how he should be rewarded for his services. I remember perfectly well, because it greatly surprised me at the time, that Forney remarked that the only position he would have would be to return to the one he had relinquished in Washington. I thought it strange then, I think it strange still; but, sir, such was the fact, as I will soon satisfy you I

have ample reason for remembering. I proceeded to Lancaster, where I soon found lots of Southern statesmen in consultation with Mr. Buchanan. It was Kansas, you know, that was the bone of contention. Well, we had our interview, and just as I was leaving Forney was mentioned by one or the other, and Mr. Buchanan remarked that he owed so much to him that he would do anything in his power as partial compensation in return for favors which he would never be able to cancel. On my return I met Forney, communicated to him the fact that Buchanan was astonished that he would be satisfied to hold his former editorial position, and that it was finally and satisfactorily agreed upon; and that, too, in spite of my earnest protestation that he ought to have, and certainly would receive from the President, almost any office within his gift. Now, sir, more than all that, I happen to know of my own personal knowledge that when these difficulties between them were thus satisfactorily adjusted Mr. Buchanan himself suggested that as Forney had been invited to deliver an address before the Democratic Association of Philadelphia on the coming eighth of January, scarce two months prior to his inauguration, and as it would naturally be expected that he would of right be able to anticipate and announce what his (Buchanan's) policy would be, that the proof sheets of that address should be sent to him for correction and revision. That these proofs were so forwarded, that they were cautiously perused by Buchanan, that they embraced and enunciated in all their breadth and depth the Douglas doctrine, and that Buchanan declared he so heartily and fully approved its sentiments, that, to use his own language, 'It did not need at his hands the dotting even of an *i* or the crossing of a *t*.' I also know, for I had it direct from himself. Now, these things transpired in the early winter following Buchanan's election, and the events afterward are matters of history. This is only stated to free Colonel Forney from the groundless charge that he was actuated in his subsequent opposition to the administration by any feelings of personal disappointment. No; that or any accusation kindred to it is base and untrue."

General Davis at this time was nearly ninety years of age but in possession of all his faculties, with his wonderful memory as tenacious as ever. He could not do less than come to the defense of his old friend and Deputy Surveyor of the Port, for whom he retained great fondness in spite of a severance of political relations. Of Buchanan, after the repudiation of Forney, he was known as the "lame duck" in State politics, being sent to political Coventry. A few months later Colonel Forney received the nomination of the Pennsylvania Democratic Leg-

islative caucus for a seat in the United States Senate, and though the nomination ought to have been equivalent to an election, he was defeated by the treachery of three members of his own party—Lebo, Manear and Wagenseller. On the first of August, 1857, Colonel Forney established "The Press" as an independent supporter of the Buchanan administration, but a few months later, owing to the dissensions which had sprung up between the administration on the one side and Colonel Forney, Hickman, Haskins, Walker, and other Democrats on the other concerning the policy of Mr. Buchanan on the question of the right of the people of Kansas to decide whether slavery should be admitted or excluded in the then embryo State, he threw down the gauntlet to the administration and denounced it as treacherous to the principles laid down in the platform of the Democratic party and Mr. Buchanan's letter of acceptance. Here was the real rupture between Forney and the President. Then came the division of the organization into two parties in the election of 1860—the opponents of the administration, among whom was Forney and the others named, espousing the candidacy of Stephen A. Douglass, of Illinois, who had become its most pronounced antagonist, as against John C. Breckenridge, who had its support. The result was the election of Abraham Lincoln, to whose administration Colonel Forney subsequently gave his full support and thereby became committed to the policy of the Republican party. This continued, with occasional exceptions, until he sold "The Press" in September, 1877, as well as during the time he owned and edited the Washington "Chronicle," established in 1861 as a Sunday paper and shortly afterward changed into a daily journal and conducted under his personal supervision until he parted with his interest in it. During the whole of Lincoln's administration the "Chronicle," which had attained great circulation and influence, was one of the leading journals of the country.

In February, 1860, Colonel Forney was elected by the votes of Republicans and Independent Democrats, Clerk of the House of Representatives for the 36th Congress, serving until July, 1861. From that time to June, 1868, he was Secretary of the United States Senate, having succeeded Hon. Asbury Dickens, who had held that responsible position for a quarter of a century. After resigning the Secretaryship Colonel Forney came to Philadelphia and devoted himself for a time to the management of his journal and shortly afterward made a six months' tour of Europe.

In 1872 he was appointed Collector of the Port by President Grant, but after eleven months' retention of the office, which

he accepted against his own inclinations and by the advice of party friends, who believed that his acceptance would result in harmonizing discordant elements among the Republicans, he resigned and again returned to the conduct of his paper. In 1875 he visited Europe in the interest of the projected Centennial Exhibition, and while there did much to awaken the lively interest which was afterward manifested by Great Britain and France. He came home in April, 1876. After relinquishing his ownership in "The Press" in November, 1877, Colonel Forney made another six months' visit to Europe, during part of which time he acted as correspondent of his old journal; and after his return to Philadelphia on the 12th of November, 1878, he established "Progress," the new literary journal, which was identified with his name until his death, when the active management was assumed by his youngest son, John W., Jr. At the same time he was on the lecture platform, one subject being "Thomas Jefferson," perhaps his best.

In all the relations of life Colonel Forney was without reproach. Born to no inheritance, he early by force of circumstances realized the necessity of labor and that that, and integrity of character, must be the foundation of whatever success he might achieve. He therefore took hold of his work as if his heart were in it, and he meant to succeed. He began life as a printer and closed it while in the editorial chair. His nature was impulsive, generous, frank, emotional, liberal—too easily led in matters where he had no strongly fixed purpose—and sometimes into erratic paths. Setting aside his early advocacy of the slavery "compromises of the Constitution," to which he was committed by his Democratic allegiance, his sympathies were with all aspirations for the liberation of oppressed peoples, and he was an inexorable antagonist of all illiberality and attempted oppression, whether the subjects were foreign-born citizens, or Catholics, or Free Masons, or Kansas free settlers at home, or Irish, French, Poles, Greeks or Hungarians abroad. He fought the "Know Nothings" with zeal, as he did the Anti-Masons (when he was a boy) and the Kansas "border ruffians." The picture of Byron going to Missolonghi to give his last days to Greece inflamed his enthusiasm; he was a passionate admirer of O'Connell; and there was no bounds to his admiration of Kossuth. In later years Charles Sumner was his ideal. This was only because they were apostles of liberty; and when he spoke or wrote of such men and their aspirations for the enfranchisement of their countrymen, the contemplation of them brought sweet sounds to adorn his flowing tongue and pen.

John W. Forney was married to Elizabeth Mathilda Reitzel,

daughter of Philip and Maria Shindel Reitzel. She was born in Lancaster, Pa., December 1, 1820, and died October 22, 1897, of apoplexy at the historic Forney mansion, No. 618 South Washington square, Philadelphia, where she lived with Miss Tillie May. Mrs. Forney was thoroughly domestic in her life, particularly after the loss of her distinguished husband. In his life she was a helpmate in every particular. Her house was the "seat of hospitality," and the resort of numerous guests of distinction, and on all occasions she presided over it with dignity and grace. She was one of the original thirteen of the Women's Executive Committee of the Centennial Exhibition in this city.

John W. Forney and Elizabeth M., his wife, had six children:

PHILIP REITZEL, born ———, died suddenly at New Orleans July 14, 1872. Interred at Laurel Hill, Philadelphia.;

JAMES, born at Lancaster, Pa., January 17, 1844. Brigadier General, U. S. M. C., retired Married Jeannette de Caines Richardson, of Louisville, Ky., of Huguenot descent, and has two children—*Ingela Richardson*, born September 1, 1886, and *John W.*, born September 30, 1887;

JOHN W., JR., born August 8, 1846, died at Philadelphia May 2, 1893. He entered the University of Pennsylvania in 1862 and left at the close of his Fresh year. He was early associated with his father in newspaper work. Was managing editor of the Philadelphia "Press." Established "The Stage," a theatrical publication, about 1866, which afterward became "The Evening Star." For many years he was Philadelphia correspondent of the New York "Herald." In 1891 he retired from active work, at that time being associated with his sister, Miss Tillie May Forney, editor of "Progress." He never married.

MARY S., born November 24, 1858. Married William W. Weigley. Second marriage to Mr. H. G. Thunder, of Philadelphia.

ANNIE H., born at Washington, D. C., February 3, 1850. Married George W. Fitler. Died March 9, 1908. Left one child, *George W. Fitler, Jr.*, born August 7, 1895.

TILLIE MAY, born at Washington, D. C., May 17, 1861. Living single.

John W. Forney and his wife, Elizabeth M., are buried on the family lot in beautiful Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Jacob and Christianna (Wein) Forney.

JACOB FORNEY, second son of Jacob and Susannah (Carpenter), was born April 7, 1701, died January 24, 1847, and is buried at Lancaster with his wife Christianna (Wein), who was born July 25, 1794, and died February 22, 1868. They were married in 1815.

Jacob and Christianna (Wein) Forney were the parents of eight children: George, born 1816, died 1827; Frederic, born 1818, died 1820; Charles B. (referred to hereafter); Sarah M., born January 12, 1823, married John Light, son of David and Sarah (Light) Lingle, of Harrisburg. She died September 28, 1847, and is interred in Lancaster cemetery. Her husband remarried; John Wein (mentioned hereafter); Daniel Carpenter (named again); Jacob H., born August 14, 1830, died June 6, 1863; George Frazer, born in 1835, was married October 19, 1862, in Philadelphia by Rev. John H. Alday to Sarah M. Rigg. Had no issue. He died in that city in 1895.

Daniel Carpenter Forney.

DANIEL CARPENTER, fifth son of Jacob and Christianna (Wein) Forney, was born at Lancaster, Pa., December 23, 1827. Married 1850 to Catharine Reinhart, of Lebanon. He was a newspaper man and was associate editor of his cousin John W. Forney's paper; also for years a bookkeeper with the Coleman Iron Company, Lebanon. Colonel Forney was for some years a correspondent at Washington, where he was also connected with the Treasury Department. He was a fluent writer and an entertaining conversationalist. He had two children: Emma, born 1854, married to W. H. Eby, of Harrisburg, in 1877, and died in 1886, leaving no issue; Clara, born 1856, married in 1880 to Walter J. Comstock, had one son named *Comstock*. The father of latter dying, Mrs. Comstock remarried.

Colonel Daniel Carpenter Forney died April 13, 1897, at 25 South Second street, Lebanon, survived by wife and one daughter.

Charles B. Forney.

CHARLES B. FORNEY, third child of Jacob and Christianna (Wein) Forney and great-great-grandson of Peter, (the immigrant) and Ann (Smith) Forney, was born in Lancaster,

Pa., July 18, 1820. He was educated in the schools of Lancaster city and attended the closing sessions of old Franklin College before it was united with Marshall College. Soon after his schooldays he became learned in the iron business and at the age of 17 years entered freely into the work and for 43 years was engaged in the superintendence and erection of blast furnaces, six of which are at Lebanon, four stacks at the Lebanon and two stacks at the Colebrook furnaces, a plant with all the modern improvements. The first anthracite furnace in the Lebanon Valley was erected by Mr. Forney in 1846. He was also manager of North Lebanon Furnace for many years. Soon after Mr. Forney's arrival at Lebanon he located three plots of unseated lands in that county and he secured warrants for 2, 67 and 2 acres under a survey of June 29, 1840. Mr. Forney was one of the Garfield electors in the campaign of 1880 and one of the representatives of the people in the electoral college of that year.

He, in 1845, married, first, to Amelia E. Stehman, daughter of John and Ann, born in 1817 in Lancaster, Pa., and died in 1879 in Lebanon. His second wife was Rachael G. Pierie, daughter of William and Elizabeth, of Philadelphia. His children were all from first marriage:

JOHN STEHMAN, born 1846, who served in Company E, 26th Regiment, Lebanon County Emergency Troops, in 1863, afterward an engineer in the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey stationed at Washington, D. C., and now Captain commanding U. S. Coast Survey steamer *Comrade*;

SARAH M., born 1848, unmarried and resides at Lebanon;

MARY ANN, born 1849, died January 3, 1850;

ALICE, born 1852, died December 25, 1855;

DEBORAH COLEMAN, born 1854, died January 22, 1862;

CHARLES, born November 8, 1856, married Elizabeth Rauch in 1879;

SUMPTER, born 1861, is a machinist and now living in South Bethlehem, Pa.

After a life of unusual activity, full of years and of honors, Mr. Charles B. Forney expired in 1905, at his home at Ninth and Maple streets, Lebanon, Pa.

The second son, Charles, was for years manager of Colebrook Furnaces and is now retired, living near Carlisle, Pa. By his wife, Elizabeth Rauch, he had these children:

Amelia Elizabeth, born 1880, died 1891;

Jacob Griffith, born 1882, married 1909 to Harriet Agnes

Wilson and have one child, Charles Forney, born August 3, 1910.

Barbara, born 1884, married 1910 to Clyde Mylin Herr;

Charles W., born 1886;

Mary, born 1888, married 1907 to Norris O. Moore.

The mother of the foregoing children died in 1889. Her husband, Charles, married, second, Catharine B. Adams, who is descended from Peter and Barbara (Eby) Forney through their daughter Barbara, who married Jacob Fedder.

Wein Forney.

WEIN FORNEY, fourth son of Jacob and Christine (Wein) Forney, was one of the oldest and best known newspaper men in the State, died at Harrisburg January 15, 1898. About a year before he was stricken with paralysis, but slowly recovered. He sustained a second stroke while visiting in Pittsburg and was brought home to die. He was born in Lancaster June 30, 1826, and began to learn the trade of a printer in the office of the Lancaster "Intelligencer," when his cousin, Colonel John W. Forney, was its editor and proprietor. Among his fellow-compositors was Bayard Taylor. In 1845 Mr. Forney was employed on the Washington "Union," the organ of President Polk's administration, of which Thomas Ritchie was the editor. Mr. Forney was the first to collate news of a local nature for the Washington papers. He subsequently went to Philadelphia. For a short time he was associated with William V. McKean in the editorship of the "Pennsylvania." Then for two or three years he was a clerk in the Philadelphia Post Office, under the late John Miller, but still wrote for the press. In 1855, in connection with Henry Hayes, he established the Bellefonte "Democratic Watchman," afterward edited and owned by P. Gray Meek. In 1859 he went to Washington to accept a position in the House Library. In 1860 he went to Harrisburg at the earnest solicitation of General Cameron to take charge of the editorial columns of the "Telegraph," and when Lincoln was elected President he went to Washington and remained there during the exciting winters of 1860-61, as a correspondent for several papers, and was also connected with the House Library. He then returned to Harrisburg and resumed the editorship of the "Telegraph," in which position he remained for six years. Then he became one of the editors and publishers of the "State Guard." When this paper sus-

pended he became editor of the "State Journal," which was owned by Benjamin Singerly, the uncle of William M. Singerly, later of the Philadelphia "Record." Under both administrations of Governor Curtin he was State Librarian, as well as during the first term of Governor Geary. When the Harrisburg "Independent" was founded by E. Z. Wallower, in 1876, he was its first editor. He then resumed the editorship of the "Telegraph." For a short time he edited a daily paper at Steelton, but since 1883 had been the editor of the "Independent," until its consolidation in 1891 with the "Star" by B. F. Meyers, and held the same position on the "Star-Independent" until the spring of 1896, when he retired from newspaper work. Mr. Forney was an indefatigable worker and versatile writer. His style was bold and fearless, he was always abreast of the times and his editorials were read with avidity. He was a delightful conversationalist. It is to be hoped that his gifted daughter will without delay give to the world the reminiscences of his life and associates we believe her father left in her hands.

Wein married Miss Lydia Gumph and by her had four children:

Peter (Pierre), who died in Washington, D. C., leaving a widow, Julia A., but no children;

Wein, unmarried and now living in Chicago, Ill.;

Anna, who married Chauncey H. Brush, and resided for years at Chestnut Hill. Mr. Brush died March 2, 1911, leaving one son, *Clarence H.;*

Clara, infant, died July 9, 1854;

Mrs. Lydia (Gumph) Forney, born May 15, 1824, died August 29, 1899, and is interred Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa. Her husband's remains repose beside her.

CHAPTER VII.

JOSEPH FORNEY, DAUPHIN-LEBANON COUNTIES.

JOSEPH FAHRENE (FORNEY) arrived at Philadelphia in ship Brotherhood, Captain John Thompson, from Rotterdam and qualified November 3, 1750. He was accompanied by his brother Peter, who subsequently settled in what is now South Annville township, Lebanon County. Joseph next appears on the list of ratables on taxable property for year 1759, located in east end of Londonderry township, Lancaster County, now the northern part of Londonderry, Lebanon County. In 1753 he married Philippina, daughter of Joseph and Mary Conghannour (Coghnour). Her father was one of the earliest settlers in that section in what is now the eastern end of Dauphin County. We find he had on April 15, 1740, surveyed to him four hundred and three acres of land. The mother, Mary, died in 1773.

Joseph Forney, under date of October 11, 1765, was granted by John Penn a patent, which was recorded October 18 same year, for a tract of land along the Quitopahilla Creek in Derry township, Lancaster County. The deed included two surveys covering one warrant granted June 26, 1752, to Philippina (by the name of Philip) Coghnour for one hundred and forty-nine acres adjoining lands of Thomas Eakins, John Strains and the Proprietors' vacant lands; the other warrant was granted October 2, 1756, to Mathias Hess for sixty-seven and one-half acres in same township adjoining lands of John Bowman, Jacob Killinger and John Sawyer, and subsequently by assignment conveyed to Forney. The consideration was £23 1s. 10d. for the large tract and £10 9s. 2d. for the other, both subject to yearly quit rent of one-half penny per acre.

Joseph appears on tax lists of Londonderry township, Lancaster County, each year from 1759 to 1780, when his two sons Joseph and John are also assessed. That he was not secure in the possession of his land is evidenced by a caveat he with his neighbors filed with the Board of Property in 1773. A minute of their action follows:

"Land Office, Dec'r 21st, 1773.

"John Bowman, Michael Kellinger, William Sayer (Sawyer) and Joseph Farney enter a Caveat against the Execution of a certain warrant dated the 14th March, 1737, then granted to one David Hays under which one William Hays now Claimeth and

has Attempted to survey the lands of the Caveator Patented to them and in their Possession 20 or 30 years situate in Derry Township, Lancaster Co'y, But if the said William Hays will shew Cause why the warrant af'd should be Executed on the Patented Lands of the Caveator then the last Monday of February next is appointed for hearing of the parties thirty days Notice being given.

"David Kennedy for
James Tilghman, Sec'ry.

"To John Lukens, Esq., S. G."

We think the caveat was sustained by the Land Department, but because of a hiatus in the proceedings of that office we are unable to quote the decision of the Board of Property. Mr. Forney enlarged his holdings by purchase July 19, 1775, of an adjoining farm of 181 acres from Michael Singer for £375. He also secured May 20, 1773, by warrant from the Penns adjoining tracts for £1 yearly rent, and which land was long known as "Forney's Addition."

Joseph Forney and his two sons Joseph and John had active service in the Revolution in Captain Patrick Hay's company, Colonel John Rogers's battalion, years 1779, 1780 and 1781.

Joseph Forney, Sr., died intestate about 1794, his oldest son John serving as fiduciary of the estate.

Joseph and Philippina were the parents of the following children:

JOHN, born 1754, married Elizabeth Natzinger (born December 20, 1758) and died in 1813;

JOSEPH, married Franey Ober, widow of Peter of Londonderry township, and had children: JOHN, BARBARA and MARY, who married Philip Ney. Joseph died about 1798;

ELIZABETH, who married John Nafzgar;

ANNA, married Peter Karsnitz;

PETER, who married Mary. We know of one son, PETER, born July 14, 1814;

FRANEY (Veronica);

CATHARINE, married George M. Lautz;

HENRY, died 1831;

BARBARA;

MAGDALENE.

John, the oldest son of Joseph and Philippina, had three children: JOHN, born 1789, and died 1855; he married Barbara Landis about 1810; BARBARA, born 1785, married Christian Long, and died in 1862; SARAH, married first Henry Herr, second a Shenk.

John, the father, was a successful farmer of Lebanon (now

Cornwall) township at Gingrich's Meeting-house in a locality previously settled by Mennonites. He also owned a large tract of land in Londonderry township, sixty acres of which he purchased February 23, 1786, for $150 from Bernard Lickard, being part of a tract warranted October 2, 1756, to Mathias Hess. All of his real estate descended to his children by purchase from the estate, the proceeds being divided share and share alike excepting that Christian Long received five hundred dollars in excess of the other heirs. Mr. Forney's will was entered for probate January 27, 1814, being one of the first recorded in the then new County of Lebanon. He and his wife are interred at Gingrich's Meeting-house, which stands on land taken from what is now the Forney homestead.

JOHN, the only son of the foregoing, was born on the Cornwall farm. On reaching maturity he started farming one-half mile southwest of Palmyra, when after raising a large family he ended life's labors. The fruits of his marriage to Barbara Landis were:

Elizabeth, born 1811, died 1887. She married John Mark, and had Henry, Jacob and Cyrus;

Fanny, born 1813, died 1892. She married Jacob Behm, who was born near Annville, and a son of Rudolph. Jacob grew up on a farm and in 1835 removed to Derry township and was a large farmer. They had four children: Samuel and John, of Palmyra; Fannie, wife of A. E. Hershey, latter descended from Isaac Hershey, a native of Russia, and one of the earliest settlers in Dauphin County; Barbara, wife of J. E. Heckert. Jacob Behm died in May, 1895, his wife March, 1892;

Moses, born 1815, and died at Bellegrove, in North Annville township, in 1897. He married Mary Ann Strubhaar, and they had Maggie, who married Jacob Heagy, and Fannie, who became the wife of Hezekiah Light;

Mary, born 1818 and died in 1904. She married Joseph Ellenberger and had issue: Nancy, Joseph, Barbara, John, Mary, Lizzie and Ezra;

John, born April 13, 1822, and died September 20, 1854, to be mentioned hereafter;

Henry, born 1825, died in 1900. He married Susan Weltmer, and they had the following children: Lavina, who married John E. Herr; Lizzie, married Robert Eby; Susan, who became the wife of Martin Gingrich; John U., single;

Ephraim, born 1827, and was a prosperous farmer of North Annville, near Bellegrove, where he died in 1902, leaving a

widow but no children. Mrs. Forney was Miss Amanda Frank and followed her husband in death June, 1907, being the last of her family;

Barbara, born 1831, and died in Kansas, 1909. She married first Andrew Henry, second David Landis, by whom she had Cyrus, Ephraim, Emma, Fanny, David, Jacob and Jonas.

John, the second son of John and Barbara (Landis) Forney, was born on the Cornwall homestead, where he resided during his short life of thirty-two years, and followed his father's vocation of farming at the home, which place he purchased in 1853 from his father for $10,580. He married Sallie, daughter of John and Anna (Kreider) Bachman, whose paternal ancestor settled in this locality in 1735. As already stated, John Forney died in 1854 and his widow married Henry Gingrich, by whom she had four children. Mr. Gingrich died several years ago. Mrs. Gingrich survived to reach her 82nd year, being born in 1825 and dying 1906. She was a most estimable lady, deeply beloved by her children and respected and admired by every one brought into association with her cheery nature and pure character. By her union with John Forney she was the mother of these children:

Clara, born 1847, and died October 15, 1854; Sarah, infant, died 1854, and Jacob, born April 14, 1850.

Jacob Forney, of Fairland, Lebanon County.

JACOB FORNEY, only surviving child of John and Sallie (Bachman) Forney, was reared upon the Cornwall farm and in South Annville township. His early life was that common to the sturdy yeomen of his time, who lent brain and muscle to the tillage of the soil in season and attended the public schools in winter. On November 23, 1871, he married Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Henry) Shenk, born April 2, 1853, near Palmyra, Lebanon County. Immediately thereafter he began farming on his own account, the old homestead, which he owns, consisting of 140 acres of the best land in that section and now in the Forney family possession for one hundred years, and from the active care of which Mr. Forney recently retired, building himself a beautiful residence at west end of Fairland between Annville and Lebanon. Here he enjoys a well-earned relaxation from the active pursuits of life, though he still retains a keen interest in general affairs and private investments. Always a public-spirited citizen, he has been honored by his neighbors with local office through his

attachment to the Republican party. Though past middle age, he seems to have the happy faculty of retaining all his old friends while acquiring new ones every day, and which accomplishment made his mother so famous in her declining years. John and Mary (Shenk) Forney are the parents of three children: ANNIE, infant, died January 1, 1874; JOHN B., born 1874, and HARRY S., born 1883. John B. married Mary Bachman and had *Edith M.*, born 1901, and *Clarence*, born 1903. He is now engaged in the active management of his father's farm at the old home. Harry S. married Lizzie Smith and they are the parents of *Cyrus*, born 1905; *Mary*, born 1907, and *Helen*, born 1909. He is engaged in farming near Palmyra, Pa.

CHAPTER VIII.

JACOB FORNEY, OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

One of the settlers in Cumberland County prior to the Revolution was Jacob Forney, who arrived from Rotterdam in ship Minerva, and qualified October 13, 1769. He is included in the list of taxables commencing with the year 1774 and assessed for two hundred and seventy-six acres and yearly thereafter with less acreage to 1805. He was a soldier in the service of the Colonies, being enrolled year 1780 as a private, Captain James Bell's First Company, Third Battalion, under Colonel Samuel Erwin. He was located about one mile southwest of Hogestown and two miles from Bricker's Mill. His wife's name was Margaret ———, who was born May 31, 1751, and died October 2, 1803, and is buried at Trindle Springs. The headstone at the grave has two peculiarities; both faces have memorial inscriptions and on one the family name is spelled "Farney." We have no knowledge of her husband's death other than that indicated by the list of ratables, on which his name does not appear after 1805. In the latter year his son George is taxed on three horses and three cows and in 1811 is assessed for three hundred and twenty-seven acres, indicating he succeeded to his father's estate and that his mother, Margaret predeceased her husband.

George Forney died in April, 1811, intestate and the real estate was held by the heirs until 1823, or until his eldest son JACOB attained his majority. Latter was born January 13, 1802, and died January 24, 1850, his estate being administered by John Bobb. He married Hetty McClure, born June 12, 1808, and died February 24, 1871. Both are interred at Trindle Springs. Some time prior to the Civil War Jacob sold the old homestead to George Hoover. It may be worthy of mention here that the barn on this estate and while in possession of the Forneys was largely constructed of poplar logs taken from the old Silvers' Spring Presbyterian Church, which was erected about 1734. Some of these logs were removed several years ago and sawed into boards and used in the construction of a pulpit in the beautiful and commodious chapel erected near the main church edifice in 1885 by the liberality of Henry McCormick, Esq., in memory of his daughter Mary.

Jacob and Hetty (McClure) Forney had three children:

GEORGE, born September 28, 1832, married Rebecca J. Swiler December 11, 1866, who was born March 25, 1841. He died February 22, 1897, and is buried at Silvers' Spring. His widow is living with her daughter at New Kingston;

JOHN, second son of Jacob and Hetty, was born July 29, 1834. He never married and died June 20, 1859;

MARGARET, only daughter of Jacob and Hetty, was born July 2, 1830, and died single July 19, 1855. Both John and Margaret are interred in the family lot at Trindle Springs.

George and Rebecca (Swiler) Forney had issue:

Margaret A. M., born January 2, 1868, married December 20, 1888, to Samuel M. McKnight, and now residing at New Kingston, Cumberland County. They have no children.

Sarah Isabelle, born September 11, 1871. She married March 15, 1894, William F. Harman, who was born in Mount Holly Springs. They lived in Baltimore up to the time of Mr. Harman's death, which occurred in 1907;

George Eckels, born March 2, 1877, married Grace E. Armstrong October 3, 1902, who was born January 29, 1882. They are the parents of three children:

Margaret Ellen, born April 10, 1903;
Mildred Armstrong, born April 26, 1904;
Merle, born April, 1907.

George Eckels Forney is a successful farmer, located on the Carlisle pike north of Shiremanstown, about one-half mile from St. John's Church.

Jacob Forney (born 1802) had a brother GEORGE, who was born November 3, 1803, and who died April 28, 1861. He married Miss Margaret Phillips, who was born February 24, 1812, and who died September 6, 1846. Both are interred at Trindle Springs. They had six children:

MARGARET, born September 30, 1833. Unmarried and still living;

CATHARINE, born October 31, 1835. Died single near Carlisle July 14, 1895;

SAMUEL, born April 2, 1838. Died December 5, 1901, at Joplin, Mo. He had four children:

Samuel R., born February 9, 1873;

Tibb P., born August 14, 1876;

William Clyde, born July 29 1878;

Jeannette W., born April 17, 1880. Died January 22, 1882.

MARY, born June 22, 1840, and died near Reading, Pa., June

13, 1910. She married, first, Joseph Brownawell December 7, 1858, and had five children:

C. Lily, born January 18, 1860, died young;

Emma Florence, born February 6, 1861, married Eli McCann;

Anamelia, born February 16, 1862. Died young.

Carrie Gertrude, born June 14, 1863, married George Van Zant;

Laura E., born March 16, 1865, married James Warren.

Mary (Forney) Brownawell, the mother, married, second, George Clepper, by whom she had no children;

JOSEPH, born October 12, 1842, and died unmarried at Joplin, Mo., May 16, 1891;

PETER PHILLIPS, born March 4, 1845, and died single February 4, 1905.

CHAPTER IX.

BERKS COUNTY FORNEYS.

John Farni (Forney) was a farmer in Maiden Creek township, Berks County, before the Revolution and later was a resident of Heidelberg township. He was an immigrant from the Palatinate, coming to this country with his young son Jacob about 1770. Latter was born *circa* 1761. He married Magdalena Kurtz, who was born February 6, 1751, at Ratisdam, Switzerland, and died in 1823. Jacob owned and operated a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Maiden Creek township. He also conducted a mill, which stood upon his property, and was considered one of the most prosperous citizens of his locality. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. He passed from this life in 1830. Jacob and Magdalena had several children, but only two lived to reach maturity: JOHN, born July 29, 1790, died March 23, 1835; JACOB, born February 17, 1792, died April 9, 1874.

The elder son, John, was married twice. His first wife was Catharine Richenbach, who died in 1821 in her twenty-fifth year. They had two sons: JOHN R., who disappeared from Fayette, Fulton County, Ohio, in April, 1870, and was never heard from or seen since. He was not then married: JACOB H., the younger son of John and Catharine, was born in Maiden Creek Township June 13, 1816.

John Forney's second wife was Lydia Hertzler, who was born May 11, 1800, died February 11, 1870. By this marriage four daughters were born: LYDIA (Myers), LEAH (Miller), SARA (Kauffman) and REBECCA, wife of Nicholas Hunter, who were the parents of *William Hunter*, Chief Engineer, Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

JACOB H., second son of John and Catharine, lived in Maiden Creek township for forty-eight years, nearly twenty of which he served as Justice of the Peace at Maiden Creek. He was a life-long Republican. In 1864 he removed to Reading and entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad as a clerk at the car shops, from which he retired in 1884. He was married to Elizabeth Z. Plank, who was born in West Whiteland township, Lancaster County, Pa., October 28, 1819. She was a daughter of Jacob and Leah (Zook) Plank. The father was born December 18, 1785, died in 1861. The mother,

JACOB H. FORNEY, READING.

Leah Zook, was born in 1792 and died December 15, 1855. To Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Plank) Forney was born one daughter, *Leah Clara*, who married William T. Gorrell, Master Car Builder, Philadelphia and Reading Railway, and who have two children. Jacob H. was a member of the German Baptist Church. He was well known all over Berks County as an upright man and a desirable neighbor. He died March 14, 1899, at the home of his daughter, 516 Greenwich street, Reading, Pa. His wife died January 12, 1899, a loss from which Mr. Forney never recovered.

JACOB, the younger son of Jacob and Magdalena (Kurtz) Forney, was born in Maiden Creek township, Berks County, Pa., on the old homestead, and was an agriculturist all his life, and was a member of the Dunkard Church. He married Sarah King, and they reared a family of fourteen children, as follows: ABRAHAM, JACOB, ELIZABETH, JOHN, ENOCH, SAMUEL, CATHARINE, REUBEN K., MARY, DIANA and LYDIA. Mr. Forney died at the advanced age of eighty-two on April 9, 1874. Mrs. Forney passed away at the age of seventy-one.

REUBEN K., the eighth child of Jacob and Sarah (King) Forney, was born September 8, 1829, in that part of Outelaunee township that is now in Maiden Creek township, and was a successful farmer near Calcium, latter township. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one took charge of his father's farm and carried on general farming until 1890, when he moved upon the farm where he now resides. Besides owning the old homestead he owned the small farm upon which he lives. In politics he adhered to Republican views and served one term as school director. Mr. Forney chose for his life companion Caroline Fox, and they were married November 10, 1850. As a result of this union the following children were born to them: *Milton*, who resides at Worcester, Ohio; *Mary*, the wife of Shate Nelson, who resides in Kansas City, Mo.; *Ella*, who remains at home with her parents; *Sallie*; *Jacob*, who rents the old homestead, and is engaged in farming; *Eliza*; *John*, a butcher, living at Reading, Pa.; *Caroline*; *Clara*; *Reuben*, who died at the age of four years; *Catharine*, deceased, and one that died in infancy.

CHAPTER X.

THE FORNEYS OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Christian Forney, who lived ten miles west of Mannheim at Wachenheim-in-the-Haardt in the Palatinate of the Rhine.

His son, JOHANN ADAM FORNEY, a tailor, and his wife, Elizabeth Lowisa, with four children, arrived at Philadelphia October 16, 1721. Name spelled "Farny," wife stated as "Lowisa Farnison." Their first ten years were spent in Philadelphia County and the family then located in "Conewago Settlements" or "Digges Choice," what is now Hanover, York County, in 1734. John Adam Forney was born about 1690, died 1752. His children were MARX, born October 6, 1713, and died in 1800. On February 16, 1745, he married Barbel ———; NICHOLAUS, born July 1, 1715, died 1774, married Maria Magdalena; LOWISA CHARLOTTE, born April 24, 1718, married 1742 to Abraham Sell; MARIA EVA, born January 6, 1721, no further record; PHILIP, born September 20, 1724, and died February 3, 1783. He married Elizabeth Sherz, who was born in 1732 and died 1794; CLARA, born February 16, 1728, no record; MARIA EVA, born May 25, 1746, died 1770, married 1765 to George C. Gelwicks, born September 16, 1741.

Marx, oldest son of John Adam and Louisa, had sons *Christian George*, born March 26, 1749; *Johann Adam*, born February 15, 1757; *Marx*, born April 6, 1760; *Daniel*, born August 17, 1762.

Nicolaus, second son, had sons *Johann Adam*, who married Barbara ———; *Heinrich*, who married Magdalena ———; *Abraham*, who married Susannah ———; *Philip*; *Lewis* and *Nicolaus*.

Philip, third son, had *Adam*, born June 15, 1754, *Lovice*, born April 26, 1757; *Philip*, born July 7, 1760; *Samuel*, born April 23, 1762; *David*, born November 7, 1763; *Peter*, born October 20, 1765, and *Jacob*, born October 12, 1770.

(Lucy F. Bittinger.)

DAVID SHRIVER FORNEY.

DAVID SHRIVER FORNEY, grandson of Philip and Elizabeth (Skeads) and eldest son of Adam and Rachel (Shriver) Forney, of Hanover, was born November 4, 1787.

His early life was spent in Harrisburg, where he took an active interest in public affairs. He was a vestryman and one of the incorporators, July 3, 1818, of the German Reformed Salem Church after latter's purchase of the interest the Lutherans had in the First Reformed and Lutheran Church of Harrisburg. Mr. Forney remained in Dauphin County till about 1834, when he removed to Carlisle, where he died intestate December 25, 1839.

Mr. Forney married Elizabeth (born April 8, 1793), daughter of John Jacob and Catharine (Greenawalt) Zinn. She died in Harrisburg, March 21, 1816, and is interred in that city. They had the following children:

JOHN ZINN, born October 26, 1812. He was a surgeon in the Mexican War, and died March 4, 1859, single, in Liberia while serving as American Consul.

CATHARINE, born October 1, 1815. She married March 20, 1834, Daniel Zacharias, a prominent minister of the Reformed Church; was pastor of congregation at Frederick, Md., forty years and there closed his life's labors. They had nine children. One of them, *George M. DeF.*, deserves more than passing notice. He was born in 1846; was educated at Washington and Jefferson College, at the Eastern Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., at the University of Berlin (1885-1889) and at the Institute of History at Rome, Italy. He was a member of the Maryland Historical Society and of the American Archaeological Society. He served charges in Somerset County, Pa.; Bedford, Pa.; Marietta, Pa., and Cumberland, Md. He was unmarried and died in General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa., January 23, 1910, survived by two brothers and one sister, *Mrs. Dunoth*, of Baltimore, Md.

JACOB FORNEY, HANOVER, YORK COUNTY.

JACOB FORNEY, of Hanover, York County, son of Adam and Rachel (Shriver) Forney, was born near Hanover, York County, February 1, 1797. He was a direct descendant from John Adam Forney, who, with his wife and four children, came to Philadelphia in 1721, from Wachenheim, near the Hartz Mountains, in the Palatinate, Germany.

From family tradition, John Adam settled first in Lancaster County and remained there until 1734, in which year he became a settler in what was known as "Digges Choice" in the Conewago Settlement and a part of his land embraced the site

of the Borough of Hanover. Philip, one of the eight children, inhabited a portion of this tract. Philip was born September 29, 1724, and died May 8, 1753, married Elizabeth Skeads, the date of whose birth was 1730.

To them were born six sons and six daughters, and the eldest child was Adam Forney, who was born June 15, 1754, served as a soldier under Washington in the Revolution and afterwards built one of the first tanneries in the southern part of York County. He inherited a section of the lands of his ancestors and erected the old homestead house which now stands in the Borough of Hanover. He was a tanner by trade and did a very profitable business as a tanner up almost to the time of his death, which occurred June 29, 1822. He—Adam—was a strict member of the Reformed Church, and on October 26, 1784, wedded Rachel Shriver, who died December 7, 1843, aged 76 years.

Their children, none of whom are now living, were: Lydia (Mrs. Jacob Welsh), David, Samuel, Lewis, Peter, JACOB, Rebecca (Mrs. Eli Lewis), Sally (Mrs. Henry Weinbrenner) and Susan (Mrs. Daniel Barnitz).

JACOB FORNEY married Elizabeth Weinbrenner, daughter of Peter, and she died November 17, 1861, age 58. Jacob died January 4, 1882, age 84 years.

Their children were: ANNA M., ADAM, JACOB and DAVID, who all died in infancy; SARAH, who passed away in early womanhood; MARY, now living in the old homestead; EMELIA, wedded to W. S. Young, and ELIZABETH, who married George Young, who passed away October 16, 1895.

(The foregoing from page 203, Biographical Encyclopaedia of 19th Cong. District by Samuel T. Wiley, Philadelphia, 1897.)

MATTHIAS NACE FORNEY.

MATTHIAS NACE FORNEY, of New York City, born in Hanover, Pa., March 28, 1835. Mechanical engineer, editor "Railroad Gazette" 1870-83; editor and proprietor "American Engineer and Railroad Journal" 1886-95. Inventor of sixteen railroad appliances. Author and writer. Son of Matthias Nace Forney, of Baltimore, Md., and Hanover, Pa., who was born in Baltimore, September 4, 1796, and died in Hanover, Pa., March 25, 1837. Latter was founder of Hanover Savings Fund Society. He married May 12, 1827, Amanda Nace, daughter of George Nace, of Hanover, who was first

burgess there—State legislator 1800. George Nace married a daughter of Colonel Henry Slagle, of Revolution Army, member of Constitutional Convention, Judge 1791. Matthias Nace Forney, Sr., was a son of David Forney, of Baltimore, Md., who was born in Hanover, Pa., November 7, 1763, and died in Baltimore March 6, 1826. He was a tanner, served in defense of Baltimore in War of 1812. (He married Louisa Nace, daughter of Matthias Nace, of Hanover—a tanner.) David Forney was son of Philip Forney, of Hanover, Pa., who was born September 29, 1724. He was a large landholder (married May 8, 1753, Elizabeth Sherz, or Sharretts, who was born 1732 and died 1794), son of Johann Adam Forney, of Conewago, near Hanover, Pa., born in Wachenheim in the Haardt, Germany, about 1690, wounded by an Indian and died in Conewago about 1752, tailor, came to Pennsylvania in 1721, lived first in Philadelphia County, then Conewago, (married in January, 1713, Elizabeth Lowisa) was a son of Christian, a burger of Wachenheim.

(American Ancestry, p. 172.)

Cornelius W. Forney, Hanover, Pa.

CORNELIUS W. FORNEY, of Frederick street, died last evening at 5.30 o'clock after lingering for some time with consumption, although he had been bedfast only a few months. He was 70 years, 3 months and 12 days of age. He was born at the old homestead in Penn township near town. When a young man he graduated from the Maryland University and after practising his profession in that city a few years, he came to Hanover in 1852 and followed the profession only a short time. Afterward conducting a drug store a few years. Was Justice of Peace for twenty-five consecutive years, was cashier of First National Bank for three years and was Borough Secretary for five years. At the time of his death he was a director of the People's Bank and was at one time secretary of the old Bachman's Valley Railroad. Was for forty years an active member of Hanover Lodge, I. O. O. F. On November 20, 1851, he married Miss Emily R. Cassill, of Baltimore, Md., who with four children survive: George W. Rifele and Joseph H. Forney, of Littlestown; Miss Ella Forney and Mrs. Laura Dubbs, at home. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

(Hanover "Record" of May 19, 1897.)

CHAPTER XI.

BEDFORD AND SOMERSET COUNTY FORNEYS.

PETER FAHRENE and JOSEPH FAHRENE arrived in America about 1750. No doubt both remained in East Pennsylvania for some years. We find Joseph had surveyed to him December 15, 1774, 150 acres of land in Bedford County in Brothers Valley township on tract known as "Maple Swamp." This was the first township organized west of the Alleghenies in the province. It now locates in Summit township, Somerset County. He appears on the township tax lists for several years thereafter with enlarged holdings amounting to 200 acres, together with Peter Fahrene, who in 1783 was assessed at 100 acres.

Joseph Forney had been a soldier in Germany and was a school teacher in Darmstadt prior to his coming to America. His daughter ELIZABETH, born in 1769, married Christian, born 1761, the eldest son of the Rev. Peter and Barbara Livengood, pioneers in Elk Lick township and who both came from Berks County.

Christian Livengood became one of the most prominent and wealthy farmers in Elk Lick township, Somerset County. He died in 1837. Elizabeth, his widow, died in 1849.

We know of two sons of Peter Fahrene, CHRISTIAN and JOHN, latter born in what is now Elk Lick township in 1777. In 1815 he settled in Brothers Valley on the farm now owned by his grandson, S. S. Forney. About 1842 he moved to Conemaugh township, where he died in 1846. He married Susan Beachley and had issue: *Jacob* (deceased), *Samuel*, *Michael*, *John*, *Joseph*, *Daniel*, *Elias*, *Peter*, *Catharine* (*Horner*), *Sarah* (*Miller*) and *Elizabeth* (*Strauser*) deceased. Jacob, oldest son of John and Susan (Beachley) Forney, was father of Henry J. Forney, now living at Chenoa, Ill., and whose son, William R., is the senior member of the noted law firm of Forney and Curtis, Indianapolis, Ind. Samuel lived to a ripe old age and in later years made his home with his son, S. S. Forney. The latter has held various township offices. In March, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, 169th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, and was mustered out October, 1863.

Christian Forney, son of Peter, built the first woolen mill in

Somerset County, in Elk Lick township, in 1813, and which remained in operation until 1807.

One of Peter Forney's grandsons married *Polly*, daughter of the Rev. Peter and Elizabeth (Landis) Cover. Peter Cover was a distinguished Reformed minister of Somerset County.

There was a JOHN FORNEY, born 1760, who afterward became a noted German Baptist minister in Bedford County and was no doubt son of Joseph.

WILLIAM FORNEY, BEDFORD COUNTY, PA.

WILLIAM FORNEY, whose death we mentioned last week, was born near Hanover on May 17, 1830, and died at his home in Snake Spring township on January 28, 1903, aged 72 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was a son of Matthias and Elizabeth Forney, deceased. He had eight brothers and sisters, three of whom are still living—Mrs. Margaret Routson, of Hanover; Emmanuel, of Carroll County, Maryland, and Mary Ann, of Wedlington, Ark. In early boyhood he moved to Morrison's Cove and from there to Snake Spring township. In 1854 he married Miss Mary Ann Shuss. To this union eight children were born. Those still living are Mrs. Rebecca Snyder, of Snake Spring Valley; Jacob, of near Everett; Mary, at home. The following children preceded their father to the other world: Daniel, Elizabeth, Matthias and John. Mrs. Forney died on January 20, 1902. Mr. Forney was a bricklayer and mason and in connection with farming followed these occupations for many years. In 1866 he moved on the Dougherty farm near Everett and in 1888 purchased that tract. He was well known throughout the county. He was a good citizen and took a personal interest in public affairs. He was a sterling Democrat and was elected assessor and school director for a number of terms. Was a member of the German Baptist Church and active in church affairs. Interred in Hershberger burying-ground.

(From Bedford County "Gazette" of February 6, 1903.)

CHAPTER XII.

THE FORNEYS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND ALABAMA.

One of the earliest settlers in western North Carolina was JACOB FORNEY. In the whole State there is no name more closely connected with remarkable courage or distinguished service than that of the progenitor of our family's Southern branch. He was the son of a French Huguenot and was born about the year 1721. At the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685, his father fled from France, preferring self-expatriation to the renunciation of his religious belief, and settled in Alsace, on the Rhine, where freedom of opinion and worship were tolerated. Here the father died, leaving him an orphan at four years of age. About the age of fourteen he left Alsace and went to Amsterdam. Delighted whilst there with the glowing accounts which crossed the Atlantic respecting the new world and allured with the prospect of enjoying still greater political and religious liberties, he came to America by the first vessel leaving for that destination and settled in Pennsylvania. Here he remained industriously employed until the age of maturity, when he returned to Germany to procure a small legacy. Having adjusted his affairs there, he in 1752 again embarked for America on board a vessel bringing over many emigrants from the Canton of Berne, in Switzerland. Among this number was a blithesome, rosy cheeked damsel, buoyant with the charms of youth, who particularly attracted young Forney's attention. It is scarcely necessary to say that her acquaintance was soon made, a mutual attachment silently but surely formed between two youthful hearts so congenial in feeling, and similarly filled with the spirit of adventure. Prosperous gales quickly wafted the vessel in safety to the shores of America, and soon after their arrival in Pennsylvania Jacob Forney and Maria Bergner were united in marriage (vide Wheeler).

About this time the rich but cheap lands of the Yadkin and Catawba, with a salubrious clime, were attracting a numerous emigration from the Middle States. Influenced by such inviting considerations, Forney's determination was soon made up to join the tide of immigration, and accordingly in 1754, two years after his marriage, he removed to Carolina. On the journey thereto he made a visit to the Forneys of "Digges Choice,"

now Hanover, Pa., there being letters confirming this statement now in the possession of one of the occupants of the old homestead there. This unquestionably suggests a family relationship, which we, of course, conclude was of old country origin. Possibly Jacob was a nephew of the Johann Adam Farney who located in "Conewago Settlements," now York County, in 1734.

Jacob settled in Lincoln County, N. C., about the year 1754. Here the early settlers suffered greatly by the depredations of the Cherokee Indians. Forney had many encounters with the wily savages while protecting his family and property and in the end became greatly feared by them owing to his courage and prowess. This section was the "dark and bloody ground" of the Carolinas, and the heroic deeds and adventures of Forney alone comprise several chapters of Colonial history. He was a strong partisan during the Revolution and suffered much loss in consequence at the hands of his Tory neighbors, Forney being of too advanced age to actively bear arms. His three sons, JACOB, PETER and ABRAM—were all unwavering patriots and sustained an honorable part in the cause of freedom. Jacob Forney, Sr., died in 1806, near to the place where he first settled, in the 85th year of his age. Besides the sons named above, Jacob and Maria had four daughters—CATHARINE, who married Abram Earhart; ELIZABETH, married John Young; CHRISTINA, married David Abernathy, and SUSAN, who was united in wedlock to John D. Abernathy.

JACOB FORNEY, the eldest son, married Mary Corpening, of Burke County, N. C. Soon after the Revolutionary War he purchased a valuable tract of land on Upper Creek, five miles northwest of Morgonton, on which he settled and raised a large family. He lived a long, quiet and useful life. His tombstone in a private cemetery on the old homestead bears this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Jacob Forney, born November 6, 1754, died November 7, 1840, aged eighty-six years and one day."

He had eleven children:

Elizabeth E., died young;

Thomas J., married S. C. Harris, of Montgomery County, N. C.;

Isaac Newton, married M. L. Corpening, of Burke County, N. C.;

Marcus L., married S. Connelly, of Burke County, N. C.;

ALBERT G., married Eglantine Logan, of Rutherford County, N. C.;

FATIMA E., married H. Alexander Tate, of Burke County, N. C.;

PETER BERGNER, married M. S. Connelly, of Caldwell County, N. C.;

JAMES HARVEY, married Emily Logan, of Rutherford County, N. C.;

DANIEL J., married S. C. Ramsour, of Lincoln County, N. C.;

MARY L., married W. P. Reinhardt, of Catawba County, N. C.;

CATHARINE S., married A. T. Post, of Catawba County, N. C.

GENERAL PETER FORNEY was the second son of Jacob Forney, Sr., and was born in Lincoln County, N. C., April, 1756. He was a brave soldier of the Revolution in command of a partisan corps and his services have been honorably recognized by his native State. In the neighboring State of Alabama, where his descendants have achieved distinction in all walks of life, his memory is perpetuated by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Peter Forney Chapter of Montgomery. He was a noted iron master on Leeper's Creek and lived in elegant style at a chosen spot known as Mount Welcome. General Forney was a member of the General Assembly from 1794 to 1796, inclusive, and of the Senate during the years 1801 and 1802, and was elected as a Representative to Congress 1813-1815. He also served as an Elector during the Presidential campaigns of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson. He married Nancy, daughter of David Abernathy, of Lincoln County, and died February 1, 1834, in the 78th year of his age, a bright example of the useful citizen and upright man. General Peter and Nancy A. Forney had twelve children (referred to hereafter).

MAJOR ABRAM FORNEY was the youngest son of Jacob Forney, Sr., and was born in Lincoln County, N. C., October, 1758. He was a patriot and eminent soldier of the Revolution. At the age of 16 he entered the service of his country. He greatly distinguished himself at the age of 22 at the Battle of King's Mountain. In other conflicts of the Southern campaign he led his rangers with conspicuous courage against the Tory bands. He married Rachel Gabriel, of Lincoln County N. C., and they had two children:

ABRAM EARHARDT, a worthy citizen who lived all his extended life in his native county;

JOHN W., who died comparatively young.

Major Forney died July 22, 1849, not far from the place of his nativity, in the 80th year of his age.

GENERAL PETER FORNEY was the father of twelve children:

DANIEL M., born in Lincoln County, May, 1784. He married Harriet, daughter of Captain Alexander Brevard. He received the appointment of Major in the War of 1812 and proceeded to the scene of conflict in Canada. He served as a Representative to Congress from 1815 to 1818 and as a Senator from Lincoln County to State Legislature from 1823 to 1826. In 1834 he moved to Lowndes County, Ala., where he died October, 1847, in his 64th year. Major Daniel M. and Harriet (Brevard) Forney had seven children:

Eloise, married General Jones M. Withers, of the C. S. A., editor of the Mobile "Tribune," also Mayor of Mobile, Ala., Captain in the United States Army and resigned about 1854. They had six children;

Mariah, married Judge Moore, of Alabama;

Alexander B., died quite young, as did

Harriet, and

Macon;

Susan, married Dr. B. C. Jones, of Alabama;

Emma, married Colonel M. Smith, of Alabama.

MARY, the eldest daughter of General Peter and Nancy A. Forney, married Christian Reinhardt, of Lincoln County, N. C., and had five sons and four daughters;

MOSES, born ——— and died in Alabama unmarried;

JACOB, married Sarah, daughter of Daniel Hoke. He was born in Lincoln County and was an enterprising and highly respectable member of society, possessed of many noble traits of character, and raised a large and interesting family. He moved in 1835 from Lincoln County to Alabama and settled in Jacksonville; here he died on the 24th of April, 1856, in the 60th year of his age. He had nine children, as follows:

Daniel P., of Jacskonville, Ala.;

Joseph B., married Mary Whitaker, of Alabama;

William H., married Eliza Woodward. Was a general in the Confederate Army and in Congress several successive terms. He died in 1900, leaving two sons—John C., of Bir-

mingham, Ala., and George, now of Baltimore, Md.— and two daughters;

Barbara Ann, married P. Rowan, Esq., of Alabama;

General John H., married Septima Rutledge, a granddaughter of Edward Rutledge, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence;

Emma E., married, first, Colonel Rice, second, the Rev. Thomas A. Morris;

Colonel George H., was killed at Spottsylvania Courthouse, Va.;

Catharine Amelia, married J. M. Wylie, Esq., of Alabama;

Mariah Louisa ("Ida"), married R. D. Williams, Esq., of Alabama.

The sons of Jacob Forney won military distinction and renown in the Confederate Army, of war between the States. Our prescribed limits preclude a more extended notice of their gallant services.

JOSEPH, died comparatively young;

ELIZA, married, first, Henry T. Webb, Esq., of Granville County, N. C., and by him had five children. She married, second, Dr. John Meek, of Alabama, and had five children;

SUSAN, married Bartlett Shipp, Esq., of Lincoln County, N. C. He had service in the State Legislature from 1824 to 1830 and was one of the delegates from Lincoln County in 1835 to amend the Constitution. He was an able lawyer, had a large practice for many years and died in Lincolnton on the 26th of May, 1860, in the 84th year of his age. He had one son and two daughters;

LAVINIA, married John Fulenwider, of Lincoln County, N. C., and had three sons and five daughters;

NANCY, married Dr. William Johnston, of Lincoln County, N. C. (referred to hereafter);

CAROLINE, married Ransom G. Hunley, of South Carolina, and had three sons and two daughters;

SOPHIA G., seventh daughter of General Peter and Nancy Forney, married Dr. C. L. Hunter, of Lincoln County, N. C., and had two sons and three daughters;

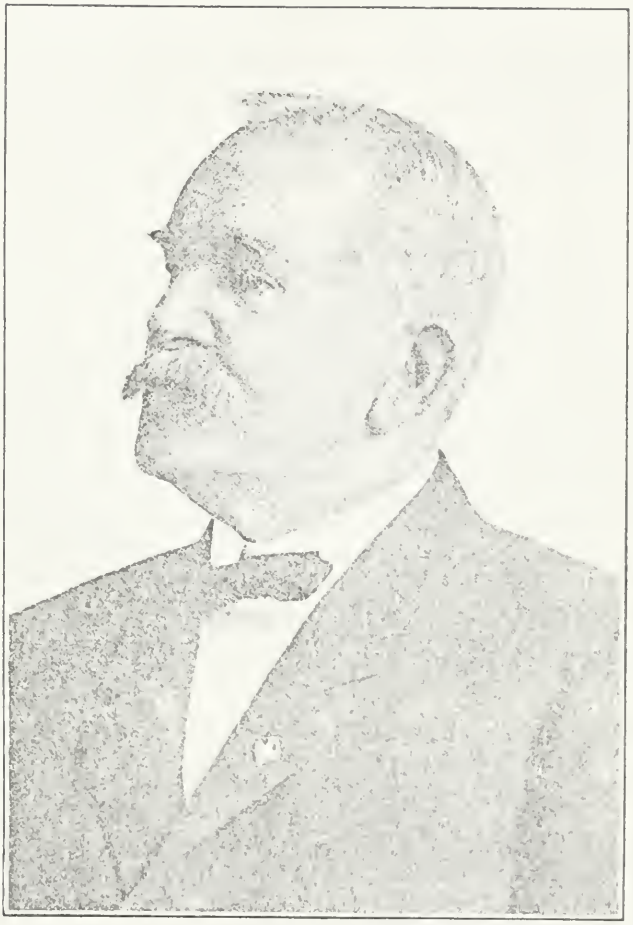
J. MONROE, fifth son of General Peter and Nancy Forney, married Sarah Fulenwider, of Cleaveland County, N. C.

HON. JOSEPH FORNEY JOHNSTON.

Dr. William Johnston, who married Nancy Forney (the fifth daughter of General Peter and Nancy) had twelve children, the most distinguished being the HON. JOSEPH FORNEY JOHNSTON, of Birmingham, Ala., now United States Senator, than whom there is probably not a more widely known public man in the State. It is said that he has a personal acquaintance with more Alabamians than any other living man. He has been a leading figure in public affairs for more than a quarter of a century and it is related that one of his secrets of his success in politics has been the fact that he has kept in touch, personally or by letter—Senator Johnston is a great letter writer—with his friends throughout the State all that time.

The successor to Senator Pettus was born at Asheville, N. C., in 1843, and was reared on his father's farm near Charlotte in his native State. He was the eleventh of twelve children. His maternal ancestry has been given in these preceding pages. On the paternal side he is of the stalwart Scotch stock which came to North Carolina after the Battle of Culloden in 1745. They had been prominent in the history of that State when it was yet a colony and long before the Revolution. Two of Senator Johnston's collateral kinsmen served in the office of Governor of North Carolina; one Gabriel Johnston, before the Revolutionary War, and the other, Samuel Johnston, a nephew of Gabriel Johnston, during the Revolution. Samuel Johnston was also the first President of the United States Senate.

Senator Johnston's grandsires on both sides were colonels of North Carolina militia during the War of Independence. His father was a planter of the old school, a man of education and culture, but he died before the subject of this sketch had attained his majority. As a youth Joseph Forney came to Alabama, where his guardian resided in Shelby County. In that county at the age of seventeen he enlisted for service in the Eighteenth Alabama Regiment and served throughout the Civil War. He received four wounds and rose to the rank of captain through gallant service. After the close of the War he read law, was admitted to the bar and practiced at Selma, Ala., until 1884, when he removed to Birmingham to accept the presidency of the Alabama National Bank, which he held ten years. He never sought any political office until 1890, when he was a candidate for Governor and received the next highest vote in the convention. He was a candidate again in 1894 and made a close race against Governor Oates. He was again a candidate in 1896 and defeated Congressman Clarke for the nomination by a two-thirds vote and was elected by a



SENATOR JOSEPH FORNEY JOHNSTON, ALA.

40,000 majority and re-elected in 1898 by 60,000. He introduced wide reforms in the finances of the State, instituted and enforced the frequent examinations of public accounts and pursued "grafters" of all kinds relentlessly. This made him many enemies, but he never hesitated. He was a candidate against Senator Morgan for the Senate in 1900, and whilst defeated a change of about 2,000 votes would have meant victory. In 1906 he was second in the primary with seven candidates in the field and was unanimously elected to the Senate upon the death of Senator Pettus for both his short and long term, and will sit in the Senate until March 15, 1915, longer than any Senator now in office.

Senator Johnston holds his age well. He does not look to be in his 68th year. His red hair and wiry-red mustache are well sprinkled with gray, but he appears fully ten years younger than he really is. He is a widely informed man, taking an interest in all public questions relating alike to politics, business and other interests. In the Senate he is a commanding figure, serving on several of its most important committees, both standing and special, his most recent service of the latter class being on the Lorimer Investigating Committee. He has amassed a moderate fortune in business, having been successful as a lawyer and a banker. He resides in South Highland, Birmingham, where his home is one of the comfortable residences adorning what is known as Nabob Hill. He married Theresa Hooper and has three sons:

WILLIAM HOOPER, single, living in Birmingham;

EDWARD DOUGLAS, married Miss Clay, of Kentucky, and have one child, *Douglas*. He is rector of St. Phillip's Church (Episcopal), of St. Louis, Mo.;

FORNEY, a lawyer of Birmingham, married Miss Clara Cocke, granddaughter of General Phillip St. George Cocke, and they have two sons, *Joseph Forney* and *Paul*.

A devoted husband and father the Senator has an ideal home life. Senator Johnston is a prominent member of Camp Hardee, United Confederate Veterans, and seldom misses a meeting of that camp or of the annual reunion. He is also a member of St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church.

In closing this chapter we insert the following anecdote now going the rounds of the Northern press and which evidences the Senator's sense of dry humor:

> When Joseph F. Johnston arrived in Washington as a member of the United States Senate from the glorious and gallant State of Alabama, Senator Burrows, of Michigan, took a great fancy to him. One day in the cloak room Burrows turned to another Senator and said:

"DuPont, stand up. I want you to meet Johnston, of Alabama."

The man from Delaware rose to his feet.

"DuPont," said Johnston, taking the proffered hand, "I believe you're the Yankee who shot me at Cedar Creek."

"Well, well!" commented the Delaware Senator, somewhat puzzled. "What makes you think so?"

"I see by the two pages of your biography in the Congressional Directory," explained Johnston, "that you commanded practically every regiment in the Union Army during the Civil War. Some infernal Yankee shot me, and I think it was you."

MISCELLANEA.

The genealogical record of the Fahrney family shows that they are of German descent and remote French origin. The wars in the French and Rhenish Palatinate, during the latter part of the seventeenth century drove many families into exile and among them were the Fahrneys, who took refuge in the Kingdom of Wurtemburg. It is said that the mixture of German and French caused by the emigration of these French families to Germany caused the formation of a dialect that is probably the basis of the Pennsylvania Dutch language.

The first of the name in this country was DR. PETER FAHRNEY, who was born in Germany, May 8, 1767, and emigrated to Lancaster County where he grew to manhood and afterwards removed to Washington County, Maryland, where he died in 1837. He married Eve Durnbaugh. He had sons SAMUEL and DR. JACOB, and a number of girls. His second marriage was to Nancy Satori, a physician of great skill also. By this union he had three sons—PETER, DR. DANIEL and JOSEPH, and daughters SUSAN, who married Abraham Stouffer; LIZZIE, who married John Emmert; SALLIE, who married David Stull. In the male line perhaps the most distinguished are *Dr. P. D. Fahrney*, of Frederick, Md., and *Daniel P. Fahrney, M. D.*, of Hagerstown, Md.

(Biog. Record of the 6th Cong. Dist. Maryland.)

ABRAHAM FORNEY, born in Germany, died August 27, 1824. Married Susannah ———, who was born 1752 and died May 28, 1842. He emigrated to America about 1798 and in 1801 settled in Cadiz township, Harrison County, Ohio. Had issue: JOHN; ABRAHAM; CATHARINE; MARY (born 1775, died August 5, 1850), who married about 1793, probably near Martinsburg, W. Va., Charles Timmons (born 1751, died 1820); SUSANNAH, who married ——— Rabe; FREDERICK, born August 28, 1787, in Germany, removed to Nottingham township 1827, where he died in 1854, served in War of 1812, married October 29, 1812, Deborah Harris, who died June 21, 1873, whose parents were pioneers in Harrison County. Had issue: *Sophia*, born September 6, 1813; *Susannah*, born November 3, 1814; *Mary Ann*, born August 6, 1817; *John*, born November 29, 1820, who settled in Deersville and married Mary Johnson, daughter of Ephraim Johnson, of Moorefield; *Eliza M.*, born July 6, 1825; *Catharine*, born July 8, 1827; *Alice*, born July 4, 1829, and *Sophia*.

(Ohio Valley Genealogies.)

George Franklin Forney, wife Sarah, died 1881. Was a farmer in Halifax township, Dauphin County, and is interred at Fetterhoff's Reformed cemetery.

(Public Records.)

Peter Forney, of Hanover township, Dauphin County, and Conrad Bine, of Pine Grove township, Berks County, entered August 5, 1786, two hundred acres "Land on the back of the Blue Mountains on Swatara Creek."

(Public Records.)

May Forney, married December 3, 1894, to Cornelius Moore. Latter was born July 3, 1875, and was eldest son of Albert and Annie (Semans) Moore.

(Descendants of Rev. John Moore, p. 197.)

H. Forney, married March, 1860, at Liberty to Maria De La Mater. Latter was born January 7, 1842. They had one son, Ralph Tuthill Forney, born August 9, 1860.

(Delamater Genealogy, p. 49.)

William W. Forney, veteran of Civil War, member of Carlisle Post, G. A. R., a former resident of Mechanicsburg, Pa., died January 13, 1903, age sixty years at Mrs. Anna Barricks, near Grier's Point. Interred at Dunkard graveyard, Sterrett's Gap.

(Scrap Book, pp. 60-77, State Library.)

Peter Fornee, September 10, 1772, received of Thomas and John Penn a warrant for 192 acres of land in Buffalo township, Northumberland County, Pa., known as "Fornecton." Consideration £9 12s. and rent 1d. per acre. Recorded May 27, 1774.

(Public Records.)

In the spring of 1911 W. L. Forney opened on the South Mountain near the great White Pine camp a new tuberculosis sanatorium.

(North American.)

December, 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Forney, of 512 Curtin street, Harrisburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nellie De Bolt, to Marshall Blair Gourley, of that city.

(Harrisburg Daily.)

There is another branch of Forneys in Kansas that trace to a member living in Baltimore during the Revolution. He was in the butcher business and owned a large tract of land now built upon and included in that city. In or about 1782 he sold all his possessions there, receiving Continental money, and removed to Ohio. After arrival the depreciated currency was about worthless and he was forced to begin life anew. He had five sons, who are said to have emigrated to widely separated points and eventually lost trace of each other. One of the descendants is presumed to be Rev. W. B. Forney, of 4701 Umbria street, Manayunk, Pa., son of George Martin, of Lancaster, whose father was Isaac Forney, of Baltimore. Latter lived there many years, his whole family being born in that city.

Joseph Forney died April 17, 1835, age 55 years and 11 days. He is interred at Shoop's Church, near Penbrook, Dauphin County.

Joseph Forney married Catharine, ninth and youngest child of John and Susannah Rough, of West Hanover township, Lebanon County, Pa. John Rough died in 1803.

Daniel Forney, age 22, private, Company A, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers. Enlisted December 23, 1846, at Reading. Left sick in hospital, Pueblo, Mexico. Died there September 5, 1847.

(Penna. Archives.)

Andrew L. Forney, a drummer, Company E, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers. Enlisted at Greensburg, Pa., December 24, 1846. Honorably discharged May 18, 1847, at Vera Cruz, Mexico, for disability and died.

(Ibid.)

Anthony Forney, January 17, 1781, a private, Captain George Tudor's company, seven months' men, Colonel William Butler, Fourth Pennsylvania. Also noted as a private in Continental Line, serving in Northumberland County, from list of "Soldiers of the Revolution," who received pay for their services. Also name taken from manuscript record having neither date nor title, but under "Rangers on the Frontiers, 1778-1783."

(Ibid.)

David F. Forney, private, Independent Cavalry, Dauphin County, July 15, 1864-October 29, 1864.

Elmer C. Forney, M. D., married Frances N., daughter of the Rev. Milton H. and Jane E. (Hudson) Sangree, of Dauphin County, Pa.

Albert Forney, private, Company K, 194th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, July 18, 1864-November 6, 1864.

In Lancaster County Probate Court is record of Michael Forney under will of Catharine Vonkennor, 1804, of Leacock township, widow of Balzer. Mentions a daughter Barbara, wife of above Forney.

John Forney, of Cocalico township, Lancaster County. Will drawn March 20, 1769, probated April 17, 1769. Children named were: Barbara, Catharine, Jacob and Peter. Wife's name not given. Executors, Joseph Forney and Michael Barr. It is presumed John was a son of Christian, who died in 1757. (See page 67.)

"Forgotten you? Well, if forgetting
Be reading each face that I see,
With eyes that mark never a feature
Save yours as you last looked at me.
Forgotten you! Well, if forgetting
Be yearning with all my heart,
With a longing, half pain, half rapture,
For a time we never shall part;
If the wild wish to hear and to see you,
To be held in your arms again,
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